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As Wales marks 50th anniversary
 of the Six Bells mining disaster...

A Barry man recalls how events unfolded on that tragic day...

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

A BARRY man, who as a raw 22-year-old helped to recover the bodies of miners killed in one of Wales' biggest mining disasters, will pay his heartfelt tribute to those who lost their lives at a service marking the tragedy's 50th anniversary.

Forty five miners died at Six Bells, Abertillery on June 28, 1960, and this coming Monday, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams will lead an outdoor service of just after 10.45 that morning.

Surviving miners later reported the roar and flash of an explosion at outdoor service of just after 10.45 that morning.

"We heard that a rescue team had been sent down and waited two or three hours for news.

"When they returned to the surface, it became apparent that the men down there had died and there was no hope.

"My wife's father, Albert John Evans, who was known affectionately to his friends as Aub, was among the victims.



LEFT:
*'The Guardian
 of the Valleys'.*

were taking their lives in their hands.

Trevor recalled: "They put numbers on our limbs before the descent, because there was still the danger of further explosions.

"I was 22 years old and very nervous. Some men said they would go, others declined. I felt obliged because my father-in-law was down there.

"Maybe it is my imagination, but the pit that day seemed unusually dark. It was eerie.

"Monty and I accompanied a stretcher bearer who spotted a body. We helped him take the body out, while other men continued to look for more bodies."

Arriving back at the surface was heart-breaking.

"We could see the anxiety on the faces of the women and there was a lot of crying. My father-in-law was found later that day."

The community rallied round those who had been bereaved, with support from the local chapel, charities and a disaster fund.

One of Trevor's recollections is that it was the first time a Welsh mining disaster had been covered by the mass media, with television crews and newspapers reporting the story across the globe.

But Trevor was to endure a second, equally traumatic experience just three days later.

"A makeshift mortuary had been set up and I went along with my father-in-law's brother Theophilus Evans, to identify my father-in-law.

"The bodies were in shrouds and as they were lifted I thought: I know him, I know him.

"Theophilus died of a heart attack a few days later. In those days there was no counselling."

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BARRY MAN GRABBED AN AXE TO CONFRONT 'NOISY' NEIGHBOURS

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

Saturday, March 20, Christopher Dudley and a group of friends were having a party. There was so much noise the police were called.

Later, Mr Peck, who lived nearby, became agitated and went to the flat. Mr Dudley opened the door and found Peck brandishing an axe.

"Mr Dudley was terrified, grabbed the handle and shouted for help.

"Mr Dudley was scared and shaken and the incident has had a big impact on him," said Mr Trigg.

He added: "Armed police were called to the scene, but Peck refused to come out of his flat, goaded the officers, daring them to shoot him.

"Eventually, he was tasered."

The court heard that Peck had convictions for assault, public order offences, affray, and

causing criminal damage.

During an incident in the past, involving him possessing a shotgun with intent to commit an offence, he was shot by the police in the groin and had a testicle removed, said his defence counsel Ruth Smith.

She said the incident in the flat was "a moment of madness."

Noise at the flats had been a continuing problem and he went to the party with the axe because he believed people there had swords.

Miss Smith said that since the incident, the other parties had been evicted.

Vale court under threat of closure

VALE Magistrates Court at Barry is under renewed threat of closure.

A Ministry of Justice consultation paper was published yesterday (June 23) recommending closure with cases being heard in Cardiff instead. Three years ago, the court was saved after an estates review backed its future.

Plaid Cymru's Dr Ian Johnson said: "I am very worried by these new proposals, which would close the magistrates court for good and put hard-working local people out of work. Closure of the court would be another nail in the coffin of a working town centre."

A period of consultation on possible court closures in Wales is to follow.

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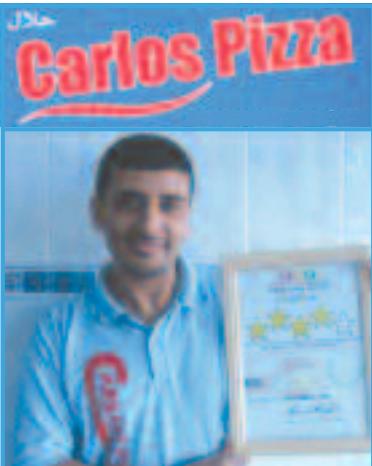
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Not in tune with the population?

I WOULD have thought that anyone who had received only just over 5 per cent of the vote at any election, never mind a general election, would have kept a low profile, for a while at least. Not so Dr Ian Johnson.

Perhaps in his mind, his position as head of research for Plaid Cymru at Westminster gives him some element of pseudo parliamentary credibility.

Whatever the reason for his comments, he does not seem to be in tune with the population at large, or most of our politicians, over the parlous state of our economy and those of other European countries.

The day after the general election Rhodri Morgan AM, a man for whom I have much respect, warned of the urgent need to tackle "the economic firestorm" which we face.

Jane Hutt AM has been most constructive in her budgetary observations and Harriet Harman has indicated that Labour will not criticise Government proposals to deal with the

economic crisis just for the sake of opposition. Ireland, followed by Greece and Spain, have taken far more draconian action than is contemplated here, even though our position is arguably as bad. Independent forecasts suggest that with lower growth this might well be the case.

Germany, meanwhile, under Chancellor Merkel has taken fiscal action designed to ensure that at a very early stage, they show positive intent in controlling expenditure much more in line with income and revenue.

I hope that they are successful because if not, we shall all be staring at prolonged austerity not just cut-backs.

Dr Johnson, meanwhile, seems to have forgotten that we have a coalition not a Conservative Government.

The fact of the matter is that he appears to be little more than a sore loser, with a stock of snide comments for use against those with whom he disagrees. Thank goodness this seems to be most of the electorate.

Peter Graham-Wooldard, Colwinston

Legion seeks a standard bearer

THE Merchant Navy Association of Wales' Barry branch have a vacancy for a standard bearer who should be available to carry the branch's colour standard at all official engagements (parades, Remembrance services, wreath laying

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'Not true that Wales gets more cash than the rest of UK'

A RECENT letter to The GEM complained that "Wales gets more cash than the rest".

Unfortunately, this is not correct. For instance, London receives substantially more than Wales per person. Why do the Conservatives always fail to support Wales when resources are being allocated?

Mr Graham-Wooldard does not welcome Plaid's work to obtain a fair financial settlement for Wales. He is also silent about the £300 million the people of Wales are underfunded every single year.

This is the figure calculated by the Independent Commission chaired by the economist Mr Gerry

Holtham. There have been many public statements by the Conservatives, when out of power, saying that Wales deserved more funding. Week after week, the Tories and their little helpers, the Lib Dems, demanded that we received a fair share of funds from the Treasury.

However, that was when they were in opposition. Now they have formed the UK Government they seem to have changed their tune. They now have the power to help avoid cutting spending on the Vale's schools and road repairs, but they are failing to put their words into action.

The Welsh Government this year is losing £184 million of its budget on the instructions of the new

coalition government. We have 'generously' been given the option of deferring these cuts, only to store up a double dose of budgetary restrictions next year.

This will mean, in annual terms, more than £1.5 million less for education in the Vale alone. Local

Government will lose £1 million, as will transport.

Mr Graham-Wooldard probably feels he has no choice but to defend the coalition. I am glad that I am not in his position. Chris Franks AM (Plaid Cymru, South Wales Central)

Thank you for your honesty

I AM most grateful to the two very kind ladies who found my purse when I dropped it in Cowbridge High Street last week, and took it into the bank.

Unfortunately, I do not know where to

find them, but to say thank you to them, I have taken some chocolates into the bank, and if they should read this letter, I would be delighted if they would call in there to collect them. (Name and address supplied)

Recycling rubbish: keep it simple!

I READ with interest in the GEM the response from the Vale Council about a Bovertown resident who had complained about non-collection of rubbish bags.

I have had the same experience as Mrs Evans. When rubbish has been left, I have then had to contact waste management to arrange a separate collection.

With predicted major cuts in public spending about to bite, clearly this is not a very cost effective means of delivering a service.

The response from the council's official is unsurprising, as the Vale seems to have applied a recycling 'scheme' which is unnecessarily complicated - if one makes the comparison with nearby Cardiff where things are far more user friendly.

Senior council officials within the Vale appear to have convinced themselves, and at any given opportunity to boast (not just about recycling), that the services offered to the public are totally satisfactory!

I think if one took a glance behind the smoke and mirrors, this may be found to be not entirely true. I wonder what a reliable user survey would look like?

It always seems to be the case that we residents are the problem, as Mr Parish, the Operational Manager, has implied - with bags being too heavy or placed out inappropriately.

Does anybody

remember a time when

you put your rubbish out

every week and it was

taken away?

No fuss or drama and

certainly nobody sifting

through the bags to

ensure that the rubbish is

'suitable'! How easy was that?

Recycling is a hugely important item on the political agenda, but for residents to embrace this fully, the scheme has to be straightforward, responsive and, most of all, reliable.

Clearly local authorities throughout the country are required to meet very stringent requirements, so the more difficult recycling becomes so public support will wane, and it will impact financially upon us all. R Taylor, Barry

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JULY 1)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
24 Thur	05.23	8.6	17.53	8.8
25 Fri	06.17	8.7	18.40	9.1
26 Sat	06.58	9.0	19.26	9.2
27 Sun	07.50	8.9	20.02	9.3
28 Mon	08.19	8.9	20.42	9.3
29 Tues	09.02	8.8	21.14	9.2
30 Wed	09.37	8.8	21.48	9.0
01 Thur	10.03	8.6	22.22	8.8

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

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MP & AM'S SURGERY TIMES

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Woman beaten by 17-year-old girl in Barry

A MOTHER of three was so traumatised after being given a beating in a Barry flat that she is too frightened to leave home alone, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

Rachel Burford had her head and ribs stamped upon during her ordeal, said prosecutor Michael Jones.

A 17 year-old girl from Barry, who cannot be identified for legal reasons, was sentenced to a detention and training order for two years.

She admitted charges of wounding with intent and assault by beating.

Recorder of Cardiff Judge, Nicholas Cooke said: "This was a very nasty attack. Violence is horrible in reality, particularly to someone as vulnerable as this".

The court heard that someone present during the attack filmed part of it on his mobile phone.

Mr Jones said that Ms Burford was especially vulnerable and required support work from social services.

She was a registered alcoholic living in Barry

by
AJ SICLUNA

and knew the defendant and her sister.

On February 16, she went to their flat and the defendant "attacked her out of the blue" punching her to the face and kicking her ribs.

The defendant apologised but suddenly launched a "sustained, frightening attack". Also involved in the attack was her younger sister.

Ms Burford was kicked and stamped to the face and ribs and forcibly prevented from leaving.

At one point, the defendant held a knife to the victim's throat saying: "I am not afraid to use it".

Mr Jones said the sister had appeared at Barry youth court, admitted wounding with intent and was sentenced to a referral order.

After the attack, Ms Burford was taken to the University Hospital of Wales vomiting blood and with cuts inside her mouth, two black eyes, swellings and sore ribs.

The defendant was arrested the following day and initially said:

"I've done nothing," but later admitted what happened.

She also said: "I need help with mying anger."

Mr Jones said the victim is now too frightened to leave her home alone and suffers nightmares and flashbacks.

Vale MP opposes Biomass scheme

THE Vale MP, Alun Cairns, has given evidence to the public inquiry looking into the plans to build a Biomass plant in Barry.

The inquiry was held after the planning application was rejected by the Vale Council and Mr Cairns told the inspector that the land elevations involved made the project wholly inappropriate.

Speaking afterwards, he said: "The site is in a basin and the houses are at a higher level with some as close as 300 metres from the stack, which is unacceptable."

Mr Cairns warned that plans to redevelop the Waterfront with quality housing and leisure would also be damaged by the scheme.



ABOVE: Fomon pond has no water – and has lost its ducks and other wildlife.

PEOPLE in a picturesque village are worried that a treasured beauty spot is disappearing before their very eyes.

The pond in Fomon, a favourite haunt for ducks, birds and other wildlife, has vanished.

Mrs Denise Cooper, who lives just yards away, told The GEM the much-loved beauty spot was the talk of local pubs.

"The Vale Council came here and did a good job clearing up mud that had built up over the years. They also cleared overgrown foliage and refurbished the benches.

"The problem is that there is no water in the pond. Normally through the summer there are areas of water in the pond for the ducks, but not this

Paradise lost... PICTURESQUE VILLAGE'S VANISHING BEAUTY SPOT CONCERNS LOCAL PEOPLE

by **TIM CHAPMAN**

year."

Mrs Cooper had to rescue three ducks, with clipped wings, who were sitting on the road that runs through the village.

"There was no stretch of water for them and the cars were swerving round them."

The pond is a popular location for villagers and visitors to spend a few peaceful moments watching the ducks and watching the world go by.

It is unclear as to why there is a lack of water this year compared to any other year. The pond is fed by two springs and a stream.

Mrs Cooper explained that the springs don't produce the water they used to. The stream is overgrown and has some debris in it – that combined with the dryer

weather means no water in the pond.

Mrs Cooper said: "It is a much-loved beauty spot in the Vale and we are concerned that it is not lost. It was the talk of The Blue Anchor a few days ago. People have been wondering whether there would be letters in The GEM!"

Mrs Cooper has been in touch with the council, and wonders whether a bowser could be arranged so that the ducks (and their friends) can resume their leisure activities.

The council may face a complication though: the cobblestone floor of the pond looks as if it is disintegrating, so something might be required at the base of the pond to make sure any water does not drain away.

Andrew Loosemore, the operational manager for highway maintenance with the Vale Council, said: "Every few years, when the pond dries out, we undertake general maintenance work, including removal of some of the silt build-up from the bottom of the pond."

"This has been undertaken a number of times without any adverse effect to the base of the pond. Then, following rainfall, the pond fills naturally and remains full until extended periods of dry weather such as we are currently experiencing."

He added: "There is no intention to fill the pond from the public water supply, as this would not be the correct course of action for a natural pond."

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Tickets for the summer production of Jesus Christ Superstar on July 8-10 are available from the school on (01446) 411411.

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Public meeting will be called over the future of Barry's Theatre Royal

BARRY'S Save Our Cinema Association (SOCA) is likely to call a meeting in late summer to gauge public support for a fund to purchase the Theatre Royal site.

Earlier this year, The GEM revealed that SOCA was steeling itself for the task of raising between £400,000 and £600,000 to buy and renovate the empty building.

The chairman of SOCA, Mr Bob Armstrong, told The GEM: "People keep saying we really need a cinema facility in the town, and we want the public to know that we are still working to that end."

"Late this summer, we hope to call a public meeting to discuss what we think can be done, our intentions for the future, and to find out if people will support us."

Mr Armstrong pointed out that Barry was to receive £9million in regeneration funds after being designated by the Welsh Assembly as one of the country's 'strategic regeneration areas'. Other regeneration funds were being made available for Holton Road.

"Why can't some

by TIM CHAPMAN

money be directed to with the help of council backing – something SOCA would have appreciated locally.

SOCA now wants to see the Theatre Royal become Barry's answer to Cardiff's Chapter – a multi-purpose venue which will screen films, provide a home for smaller theatre groups and a venue for community projects.

He pointed out that Pat Scott of S & B Cinemas in Somerset had managed to keep an independent cinema open

how we can set up as a charity with the aim of reopening the Theatre Royal.

"We are gathering all the information we need so that when we have a public meeting we are able to answer the questions people will want to put to us."

The original theatre was built in 1906, but a fire tore through the wood and tar building destroying it in 1909; the current Royal Theatre was built in 1910.

It closed its doors to cinema-goers just over two years ago.

Mining disaster

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

The day that Trevor helped in the recovery of the bodies was the last time he went down a mine. In those days, coal face workers like himself were exempt from national service, but by pure coincidence national service came to an end that week.

With a young family to care for, he decided to seek pastures new.

"Heaps of miners left at the time. I took a job in sales and moved round the country – west Wales, Kettering, Churchdown near Gloucester – and ended up as manager in St Mary Street, Cardiff. That was when we moved to Barry in 1971."

Trevor and Ceridwen have a thriving family in Barry, including six grandchildren and a great grandchild.

Their nine-month-old baby of 1957 – the couple's first daughter Lynn – is now 51 and lives in nearby Churchfields. Claire, his other daughter (aged 48) lives just half a mile up the road in Pencoed village.

On Monday, a spectacular 20-metre high statue of a miner, mounted on a plinth will be unveiled as part of the commemoration day.

The couple will both attend the service which Trevor believes is a sad, but necessary act of remembrance.

"People should know about the lives of miners and the sacrifices they made – it was hard, hazardous work."

• A programme is being broadcast tomorrow (Friday, June 25) on ITV Wales, entitled 'Vale of Sorrow: The Six Bells Mining Disaster'.

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European project brings pupils to Barry Island!



BARRY Island Primary School recently welcomed seven European schools to Wales, as part of the school's Comenius project based around the theme of 'Signs and Symbols'.

The schools, from Spain, Italy, Romania, Bulgaria, Poland, Turkey and Greece, were all treated to a range of interesting and exciting activities during their four days in Wales.

The activities included ice-skating, pottery making at St Fagans, tours of Cardiff Bay and of course a trip to

ly, but all schools were

astounded at what Wales had to offer, having sampled an awful lot in a short space of time. Staff and pupils



at Barry Island can now look forward to visiting these other countries to sample all that their cultures have to offer. **ML**

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Schoolgirls get the cheer-leading bug



A group of cheerleaders from St Cyres were recently able to show off a routine at a year-7 presentation evening.

THE 5x60 scheme has taken on a novel American flavour in the Vale, with the introduction of after-school cheer-leading sessions at two Penarth secondary schools.

In a move to tempt teenagers to get active, girls at Stanwell School and St Cyres Comprehensive are able to put together energetic routines each week, with a number of gymnastic and acrobatic moves thrown in to raise pulses even further.

The new cheerleading sessions are the latest in a

long line of activities on offer in the Vale that are 5x60 officer, putting together a timetable of local pupils to hit the 5x60 scheme's national target of exercising for at least 60 minutes, five days a week.

The 5x60 scheme is run by Sport Wales with funding from the Welsh Assembly Government, and is supported locally by the Vale Council's sports and play development team. Each Vale

Pete O'Sullivan, the 5x60 officer for Stanwell and St Cyres, said: "Cheerleading is an exciting and different way to attract pupils who may shy away from other more traditional activities to get active."

Art aids Marie Curie
DINAS POWYS Art Group recently held an exhibition and sale, where the sum of £250 was raised and donated to the Marie Curie hospice at Penarth.

Penarth school's new head wins praise from AM

ON a visit to St Cyres School in Penarth to meet the new head, Dr Jonathan Hicks, who takes over from Brian Lightman at the end of this term, Jane Hutt AM was given a progress report and briefing on exciting plans

PACT MEETINGS

CADOC PACT, Palmerston Community Centre on Wednesday, July 7 at 7pm.

GIBBONSDOWN PACT, Pendoylan Close, June 23 between 3pm-5pm.

Joint DYFAN AND GIBBONSDOWN PACT, Colcot Community Centre, June 24 between 10am-12noon.

COWBRIDGE PACT, Fire Station, Druids Green, June 28 at 7pm.

WENVOE PACT, Community Hall, June 28 at 7pm.

LLANTWIT MAJOR PACT, Leisure Centre, June 29 at 7pm.

CORNERSWELL PACT, Cogan Leisure Centre, June 24 at 7pm.

PLYMOUTH PACT, Brockhill Way Community Centre, June 30 at 7pm.

for the re-development of the school.

The Vale's AM commented: "Brian Lightman has been an outstanding Head for St Cyres School, and he is now taking on an important role in the wider sphere of education in the UK, leading ASCL (Association of School and College Lecturers).

"It is a great recognition of his contribution here in Wales, in the rest of the UK, and further afield.

"His replacement to take St Cyres School forward with exciting development plans is also an outstanding figure in education, Dr Jonathan Hicks.

"I was delighted to meet him to discuss the plans for St Cyres and Ysgol y Deri developing an educational centre of excellence for the Vale of Glamorgan.

"It was great to meet Dr Hicks with a group of enthusiastic pupils who were in the midst of the hectic exam season.

"I know they will do well at St Cyres School and I am supporting the next stage of the plans, which the Vale Council is putting forward to the Welsh Assembly Government."

Barry Lifeboat launched, twice

THE Barry Dock Lifeboat crew were called out to two potentially serious incidents in the last week.

In the first incident which occurred at 11.45pm on Friday night, the lifeboat led a search for a small boat which was thought to be in difficulty off the Castle Rocks in Porthkerry Bay.

Press spokesman Gerry Adams commented: "The boat was found with the occupants fishing and in no

apparent danger, but we were happy the call had been made with good intentions."

On Monday afternoon, at 3.15pm, people were spotted in a dinghy off the Bendrick Rock and there were fears it was "drifting aimlessly".

The occupants told the lifeboat crew that they were in full control of their boat.

Mr Adams added: "It is always better to investigate incidents before they get too serious."

Flat Holm volunteers target biodiversity...

Flat Holm Society members volunteered to take part in a biodiversity campaign.



FLAT HOLM
Society members have been hard at work helping the island increase its biodiversity.

Volunteers have undertaken a number of grassland management tasks to increase the island's flora and fauna.

The activities were part of a five-month campaign called 'CSV Action Earth' supported by Morrisons supermarket.

The campaign is organised by the volunteering and training charity, Community Service Volunteers (CSV).

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THE GLAMORGAN GEM WORLD CUP ROUND-UP

VUVUZELAS – are they the sound of South Africa or a nightmare?

NOW, I love football, and I have been lucky enough to travel to a couple of previous World Cups and European Championships.

It's not just the football I go to see, it's also about visiting those host countries, enjoying the different cultures, food and in some cases spectacular scenery.

So when South Africa was given the 2010 World Cup I thought, sounds good, shall I save up and go? In the end I decided against it, and I'm glad I did.

Why, well the thought of having my eardrums assaulted for the best part of two hours by an instrument, that's what it is,

blown continuously at what appears to be one long unrelenting note would have driven me crazy!

My telly sounds like it's got a bees' nest in it every time I watch a match, I dread to think what it's like live.

I am really happy to learn that many stadiums and other sporting venues in our country plan to ban them. My verdict on the Vuvuzela – NIGHTMARE!

Another thing I really have got angry about is the Jabulani ball, that's just become a joke. As we head into the third round of group-based matches, I have yet to see one decent free kick from just outside the penalty area go flying anywhere other than a mile over the crossbar.

The ball doesn't dip, moves around from side to side and bounces like one of those super rubber balls we had as kids in the playground.

Designed and tested in Britain apparently, they showed it being tested, fired out of a machine at an empty goal, I wonder if anyone thought to let Ronaldo or Rooney have a few shots with it as a tester. To make matters worse, they then gave it to the Germans for six months before the World Cup to practice with. Nightmare!

Alright, whinge over, what about the actual matches and teams. Where to begin? France, now there's a team. Anelka, he gets sent home for apparently casting doubts over the parentage of his manager and the rest of

them go on strike for the day.

Well the French love a good strike now and again, so nothing new there then. Now they are going home early, I wonder if the French air traffic controllers might strike just to prevent them arriving.

England, well who do you believe, John Terry, ex-captain, who says, things are not right and Joe Cole should be in the team, and we are having a meeting to thrash it out with the manager; and, oh, by the way, I don't care if what I say upsets him

Or, Capello, the wise old Italian manager who says, what problem? Nothing bad been said to me by the rest of the team... Oh yeah, and where's the captain



by **TONY BENNETT**

Steven Gerrard while all this is going on?

I thought the captain was suppose to be the spokesperson for the team. All sounds very harmonious to me.

By the time you get to read this, England may well be on the plane home and I won't feel sorry for them. I'll feel sorry for the fans, most have spent thousands of pounds to support their team with

pride and passion, and all they've got so far is Rooney spouting off about them boozing. I'm with the fans on that one.

As we head into the final group games, you would have to say, on current form we are heading for a Brazil - Argentina final. Both look strong, and both are playing some lovely football.

At the time of writing, of the big European teams, France, England and Italy are all teetering on the brink of elimination. Spain are also not assured of a last 16 place despite beating Honduras in their second game.

Friday night Spain play Chile and that should decide who wins group H, although the Swiss may yet have a big say in how all that turns out when they play Honduras at the same time.

After Friday, well everything gets thrown up into the air. At the time of writing this there are so many ifs, buts and maybes about who wins which group and who comes second. Your wall chart will need to be consulted.

Saturday night could still produce a mighty England - Germany clash, but that assumes England have beaten Slovenia and won group C. The USA might have had something to say about that. That England Germany match could also happen on Sunday, should England finish second and Germany win their group.

Portugal, despite a 7-0 hammering of North Korea, still don't look that convincing and the Germans have also got some problems after losing to Serbia 1-0, and they missed a penalty, what is the world coming to!

The African nations look in poor shape, with only Nigeria having missed out on the last 16. Ghana will probably have to beat Germany to progress.

Come Friday, we have the Brazil - Portugal clash in

afternoon, and this should decide who wins group G. I'll take Brazil on that one.

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History, as I suspect-

ed, is repeating itself.

Some of the big boys

have started slowly and

one or two will fall at

the first hurdle. One or

two of the minnows

have stepped up and

caused some upsets;

New Zealand, for exam-

ple, getting a draw with

the defending champi-

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Football legend visits Barry pub

EARLIER this month, the Gordon Bennett pub presented the Jamie Adamson (JAM) fund with a cheque for more than £500.

It was also the annual presentation night, and presenting the trophies was the legendary Ron 'Chopper' Harris.

King of the Punters (Six Nations)

This year's winner, Malcolm Young, dramatically took the title on the last game of the tournament.

Tracy Cole was the lucky winner pulled out of the Easter draw and she had a rugby shirt of her choice.

Also in Easter, there was the 'Clash of the Titans' charity skittles match where the pub's two men's skittle teams do battle for the coveted Gordon Bennett Cup. It was between GBH and The Merry Men, and the event helped raise more than £500 towards the JAM fund.

The King of the Punters on television football was John Charles.

The KGB Trophy The KGB Trophy is a competition where you follow a Premiership

team of your choice and predict exactly how well you think they will do before the season starts!

Ben Bennett told The GEM: "It's a competition that has reached out to all four corners of the world and has a history of more than a decade."

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team taking on the supposed might of England and leaving the field with a draw, and the better team.

...The mid-ranking South American teams like Paraguay and Chile playing some exciting football, Mexico running the French ragged, and Uruguay are no mugs either, all good stuff.

Best for me so far, the Dutch, who played football like it should be played. Their one or two-touch pass and move-football is a joy to behold. Unlike England, they seem to have no problem with passing the ball to someone they know.

My moment of the tournament so far? How about – Jovanovic the Serbian striker, scores the goal that beats the Germans, wonderful moment that. He then heads off to celebrate with the fans. Leaps over the advertising boards and then leaps over a small barrier expecting to reach his adoring public.

What he fails to see is the moat, which is designed to stop fans reaching the pitch. He promptly disappears from view! Funny? Well it made me laugh.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Vale AM's surgery

VALE of Glamorgan Assembly Member Jane Hutt will be holding a surgery at 115 High Street, Barry from 4pm-6pm on Friday, June 25.

No appointment necessary. For more information, call the constituency office on 01446 740981.

Rock gardens

LLANTWIT Major Horticultural Society will meet on June 30 at 7.30pm in the Llantwit Major Hall, Llantwit Major, to welcome back Phil Thomas, who will give a talk on rock gardens and water features.

He is a former lecturer at Pencoed College. Admission to the lecture and refreshments free. Members and prospective members warmly welcomed.

Flower festival

THE Friends of St Lawrence at Lavernock Point have started the countdown to opening the church for a Flower Festival on July 10 from 11am-5pm and July 11 from 2pm-5pm, with an afternoon service at 3pm on July 11.

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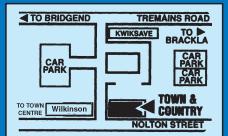


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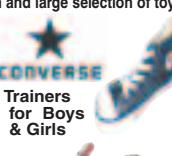
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Barry Scouts and Guides 2010

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LEFT:
Ernie Haines and his wife Sue, present a cheque for £250 to a clearly delighted Basil Watkins, who organised the St John event at Dyffryn Gardens.

ST JOHN CALLS THE TUNE AT DYFFRYN GARDENS

ONCE again, the usual tranquil surroundings of Dyffryn Gardens resonated to the stirring sounds of the South Wales Police Band, by kind permission of the Chief Constable.

The occasion was the annual Midsummer Music concert organised by the St John Council

for the Vale. The music had something to satisfy every taste; from military marches, songs from the shows and traditional Welsh airs.

A capacity audience showed their appreciation by tapping their feet, humming or enthusiastically singing. It was very much an interactive show.

In one case, a burly character, bearing a

striking resemblance to Elvis, emerged from the band, and danced to 'One o'clock, two o'clock rock' etc, with a glamorous young lady.

In another instance, an outrageously attired cross dresser appeared in a fru fru and multi coloured tights to dance a most daring Can Can with two other young ladies...I wonder if the Chief Constable is aware

of these members of his force?

It was a fundraising event for the St John Ambulance in the Vale and there was a pleasant surprise when an additional donation was made by Mr Ernie Haines, immediate past master of the Miskin Free Masons Lodge, and his wife Sue, who presented a cheque for £250 to swell the proceeds to over £2,000.

The grand finale occurred in the setting sun with the ceremony of Beating Retreat.

The hushed audience, after the evening hymn, burst into wild applause as the band marched off to 'Men of Harlech' as the Lord Lieutenant, Dr Peter Beck, took the salute.

Once again, it was a most successful and enjoyable occasion.

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Ty Hafan family fun day

THE Ty Hafan annual family fun day will be held this Sunday June 27, from 12 noon until 6pm, with music from Barry Brass Band and the Cophorhe Panto Company with songs from West End shows.

Displays will include the South Wales police dog unit and (most) children will love the snakes and creepy crawlies from Animal

Zone UK.

Stalls range from ceramics, jewellery, Indian shoes and clothing. Children can enjoy the bouncy castle, check out the fire engine and the Formula 1 car or have their portrait drawn by caricature artist Gremlyn.

Last year one of the main attractions for keen gardeners proved to be the Ty Hafan Garden stall with hun-

dreds of plants being sold to give a huge boost to the fundraising on the day. This year there will be an even greater selection of donated plants.

All funds raised at the Ty Hafan Family Fun Day go towards the work of the hospice.

For more information, visit www.tyhafan.org or contact 029 2067 2060.

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Welsh Livery Guild awards for students



Tony Williams and Wing Commander Graeme Morgan of the Welsh Livery Guild, Ashley Rees, Dan Jenkins, Gareth Evans and Barry College Principal Paul Halstead.

THREE aerospace and engineering students at Barry College have each been presented with an award by the Welsh Livery Guild.

They are Gareth Evans (19) and Ashley Rees (17) both from Bridgend, and Dan Jenkins (20) from

Barry. Gareth is an electrical engineering student, while Dan and Ashley both study aerospace engineering.

Each received a

cheque for £150, a cer-

tificate and a tankard.

The Welsh Livery Guild was established for the purpose of promoting science, art and technology across Wales

and has a programme of awards to encourage people in their chosen career area.

Presenting the cheques and certificates, Guild Past Master, Wing Commander Graeme

Morgan, said: "We were

only going to award two people from Barry

College this year but the

quality was of such a high standard that we have selected three."

Bereavement self-help group

THE third meeting of the 'bereavement by suicide' self-help group, organised by Bridgend Samaritans, will take place on Thursday, July 1, at 7pm in the Haywain, Brackla.

The Bridgend branch of the Samaritans has a new director, Christine, who has started her three-year period.

She said: "We believe there is a need for this

Canine show for the Amelia Trust

BARRY, Penarth & South Glamorgan Canine Society is holding a companion dog show, in aid of local charity the Amelia Trust, on Sunday, July 25.

The show opens at 10am and judging commences at 11am. Pedigree and novelty

classes will be judged by Mr Paul Charwin. There will be refreshments available and side attractions.

The event is being held at Amelia Trust Farm, Whitton Rosser, Five Mile Lane, Barry.

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The Ryder Cup will put Wales on the world golfing map

THE arrival of the Ryder Cup in Wales is arguably the biggest sporting event ever to hit the Principality.

The Commonwealth Games in 1958 was big, but that was when TV was in its infancy, so only spectators near Cardiff could see much of the action.

The Rugby World Cup is a contender, but when it comes to TV viewers, the American and European audiences who follow golf will almost certainly make the Ryder Cup the biggest.

This massive TV audience, of course, offers Wales the ultimate PR platform to make foreign viewers aware of our history, our heritage, the natural beauty of our coastline and mountains, and the variety of excellent golf courses here.

The centrepiece of the TV coverage will be the 2010 stadium course at Celtic Manor, just outside Newport, built with £16 million from Wales' computer technology billionaire, Sir Terry Matthews – and it is a course built absolutely with the Ryder Cup in mind.

The European Tour played the 2010 course

by PHILIP IRWIN

recently at the Wales Open and it was clear that spectators should have plenty of eagles and birdies to cheer. The course has been described as a 'high risk - high reward' layout, particularly suited to match play.

Someone one down on the 377-yard par four 15th, for instance, can choose to cut the corner and go for the green. Wales' Rhys Davies did so and holed the eagle putt on his way to a last round 62.

However, such fire-works were not enough as Irishman Graeme McDowell held on to win with a 63!

The course has been designed with the Ryder Cup in mind in another way. The event is unusual in that, on the first two days, there are only four matches out on the course at any one time – four morning foursomes and four afternoon fourballs.

This means that the expected 45,000 spectators each day could end up fighting to see anything. To counter this, huge viewing banks have been created on several of the holes, including the 16th, 17th and 18th, where the drama should be most intense.

The Celtic Manor Resort's director of

golf, Jim McKenzie, said: "This is the first golf course in Ryder Cup history to be purpose-built for the event. It has been constructed since we won the bid to stage the event back in 2001.

"We have been able to build in challenges specifically for the match play drama of the Ryder Cup – with drivable par fours, reachable par fives, tests of strategy, and

penalising water hazards."

The Roman remains at nearby Caerleon provide a historical backdrop that you can't find on any American course, and Carleon has its own modest amphitheatre.

It is pushing it a bit to call the modern golfer a 'gladiator' – after all, no one dies when they miss the cut – but the 2010 course at Celtic Manor will be its own amphitheatre for this golfing special drama.

Is Europe excited? – Our man in Luxembourg, he say YES!

Is Europe as excited about the Ryder Cup as we are in Wales?

Who better to ask than a local young man, LEON MARKS, who has been working as a golf professional in Europe for the past seven years?

Leon is well qualified to speak, as he is married to a Dutch woman, lives in Germany, and works across the border in Luxembourg.

However, there are few Welsh people here, so I am seen as an expert on Celtic Manor by the locals, and all the keen golfers are constantly asking me about the Ryder Cup, and about Wales.

Interest was so great that I decided to arrange for a small group of golfers to visit Wales, playing Royal Porthcawl and Pyle and Kenfig and staying overnight in the Fairway Hotel in Porthcawl.

For players in land-locked Luxembourg, where they are used to parkland courses, they found the two Porthcawl links courses a real challenge.

Then it was on to Newport and the 2010 course, where we stayed in the Celtic Manor Hotel.

All I can say is, they loved the two-day golfing experience...

They appreciated the 2010 course more knowing that it's a matchplay event with such risk and reward.

I must say that I had a 10-footer on the par four 15th for an eagle, which I believe will be a signature hole there in this tournament.

How do mainland Europe see the Ryder Cup? Well, I was told by my members how fantastic the course looked on TV for the Welsh Open.

I will be lucky enough to be at Celtic Manor watching, and I know that golf club members in Luxembourg will be watching excitedly.

PENARTH-BORN SINGER'S TRIBUTE TO RYDER CUP

THERE are not many songs about golf. There's the Bing Crosby one that starts off 'straight down the middle' but that's about it.

Golf is, let's face it, not very rock and roll.

It did get a boost when Alice Cooper owned up to playing off a five handicap, but good old Vince (his real name) was the exception.

However, the thrill of seeing the Ryder Cup come to Wales has inspired Penarth-born Martyn Joseph to 'come out' as a golfer and compose a special song for the Celtic Manor show-down.

Martyn, who has a well-established reputation as a serious and versatile singer songwriter, and has even been called the 'Welsh Springsteen', has written 'On This Celtic Morning', about the USA v Europe clash.

All those teenage years playing on the excellent Glamorganshire Golf Club, combined with the imminent arrival of the Ryder Cup, meant that he could hide his secret passion no longer.

Martyn's first performance was at a star-studded event in Cardiff last Friday night (June 18) when Ian Woosnam, Wales' only major golf winner, was enrolled into the revered Welsh Sports Hall of Fame.

A winner himself of the BBC Welsh Music Awards 'Best Male Artist', Martyn took to the stage at the Mercure Holland House Hotel event to give the first live performance of 'On This Celtic Morning'.

Martyn, who at 17 became the youngest ever club champion at Glamorganshire Golf Club (a record he still holds), said of the song: "I have often effused about my love affair with the ancient game of golf.

"It's a sport I have played as best as I could since I was 10 years old and if you 'get it' then you know how all consuming it is.

"With the Ryder Cup coming to Wales for the first time, I found myself toying with a few lyrical ideas that eventually became this song."

He set himself the challenge of embracing the unique spirit of the game, and it is hopefully an acknowledgement of the past, as well as the amazing skills of today's top golfers.

He has now released a video of the song, which salutes past and present golfing greats from Tiger Woods to Bernhard Langer, Jack Nicklaus

by PHILIP IRWIN



LEFT:
Ryder Cup legend
Bernhard Langer (left) with Penarth singer-songwriter Martyn Joseph

ground, alongside a number of guys who had to pre-qualify for each event, and they were making their way from event to event in camper vans.

"They were all class golfers and they were struggling to make it.

"One of them was Ian Woosnam."

Martyn decided it was time to look for a new direction in life – and music beckoned.

Martyn reflected: "Although golf doesn't have a high profile in music, quite a lot of figures do play."

"There's Alice Cooper, Huey Lewis, the drummer from Aerosmith and the list goes on."

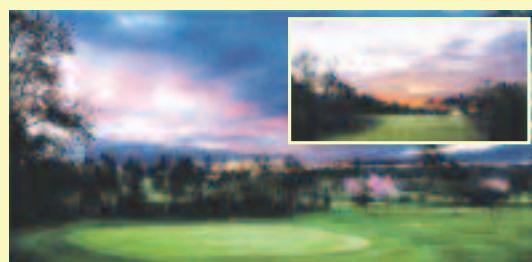
"In fact, golf was useful in promoting my career. On tour in America my management would have me out on the golf course in the morning playing with radio station bosses, as a way of introducing me!"

There is still, inevitably, a side of Martyn that would like to have made that career in golf.

He said: "In golf, you are as good as your scorecard – simple as that."

"Music, on the other hand, is a little more prone to fashion and to subjective judgements."

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THE shuttle bus service which links Rhoose railway station and Cardiff Airport has been saved – for the time being.

The service came to an end in May and was a body blow to the Vale of Glamorgan railway line. The Welsh Assembly has now announced that the service will continue, with no charge, until

WI's busy month

BARRY WI had another busy month with their afternoon Tuesday meeting, keep fit and sewing circle.

They also had a garden club where members brought along their plants and swapped with each other.

The meeting on the Tuesday evening was a talk on 'Bus Passes'. The ladies found this very interesting and learnt quite a lot on how to get the most out of your Bus Pass.

Further details on 01446 410139.

October 31. Local Vale councillor, Jeff James, who predicted in The GEM a few weeks ago that the shuttle service

therefore, very pleased to confirm that our investment will enable the shuttle to continue.

"The effort shown by all parties further underlines a joint commitment to the delivery of a sustainable public transport system for Wales."

Steve Hodgetts, the business development director at Cardiff Airport, said: "This is an excellent example of a partnership approach leading to an agreeable solution and all should be

commended for the effort.

"We look forward to this approach leading to further improvements in public transport access for Cardiff Airport."

Currently, the service is operated by Veolia Transport Cymru, and although the agreement that has been struck is temporary, the three parties involved say they will continue to look at a long term solution for the future.

"It's our partnership with the Welsh Assembly Government and Cardiff Airport that has made this possible."

The Assembly Government has agreed funding of around £25,000 per year, with the Vale Council making a contribution of £7,500.

Cardiff Airport has said it will provide the existing vehicle for use on the service until the end of October.

Ieuan Wyn Jones, the Deputy First Minister and Minister for Transport, welcomed news that an agreement had been reached.

He said: "This service has proved to be extremely valuable, and has given people far greater choice in how they get to and from Cardiff Airport. I am,

TWO gardens in Penarth are opening for the National Gardens Scheme (the Yellow Book) on Saturday (June 26) from 11am-5pm.

Both are small gardens, but different in character. Witsend (77 Coleridge Avenue) is composed of three areas, an open front with winding path, roses and perennials; a side vegetable plot with apple trees and a sheltered back garden with a small pond and pear trees; art exhibition; plants for sale.

Honeysuckle Cottage (118a Lavernock Road) has a well-stocked cottage-style front garden,

GARDENS OPEN AT PENARTH

with perennials, annuals and grasses; secluded rear garden with roses, perennials and pretty seating areas; teas, plants for sale.

Admission is £3 for the two gardens; tickets on sale at both addresses.

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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

A SOBER DAY FOR REFLECTION – and also to plan for the future



Vale MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

tioned the Technical College proposed for St Athan.

Unfortunately, I wasn't called by the Speaker to make a contribution; however, I had the opportunity to talk and lobby Ministers outside the chamber.

It is clear that the country's financial situation is precarious to say the least and I am worried about this, but I chose to repeat the Defence Secretary's own words. He said in the debate that the last government, 'delayed to spend, rather than spend to save'.

He is right that the delays mean that the project is now part of additional spending scrutiny. However, I believe that it will save money in the long run.

The College will be the UK's largest PFI project at £13billion and as I said in my maiden speech, there are local issues that still need to be resolved.

However, the project is important to the local and regional economy but most important to our Armed Forces because they need and deserve the world class training it will offer.

Armed Forces Day is another occasion to be reminded of that obligation.

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Barry College - Celebrating half a century at the heart of the Vale.

Barry College is celebrating 50 years of its life and work at the heart of the community in the Vale. Each month in the Gem, Barry College will be looking back over the last 50 years - with memories and photographs from past students, staff and local residents. To look at photographs of College life from the last 50 years, log on to our Facebook page 'I ❤ BARRY'. To contribute memories, photographs or register as a past student or staff member, contact us by email: 50years@barry.ac.uk or tel: 01446 725015

You are invited to Barry College's 50th Birthday Party!

Monday 28th June 2010
10.00am – 1.00pm
Barry College, Colcot Road

Tour the College. Visit your old classroom and see how it's changed. Take part in a special live radio broadcast. Join in with our 50th celebration Balloon Pop. View photos from the last 50 years. Meet past staff and students. Have some birthday cake, pick up a party bag of goodies...and much more!

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Call 01446 725015 for more information or just come along!

PUPILS ON AIR AT BRO RADIO



ABOVE: AJ, Ian Macdonald and Matthew Wilson with pupils from Ysgol Maes Y Dyfan.

BRO RADIO welcomed pupils and staff from Ysgol Maes Y Dyfan to the station last week, where a talk was given by manager Steve Powell and breakfast presenter Matthew Wilson.

Some of the children were also given the opportunity to talk on air and introduce some of the songs. Bro Radio is broadcast on 98.1FM across Barry and the Vale.

Miss Wales finalist pops into Pet Day

KATIE PRESS from Barry, who is competing for the Miss Wales title, attended the Pet Day at Countrywide, Wenvoe recently to help raise money for several charities.

Countrywide's own charity of the year is Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA). Other charities who attended were Dogs Trust, Hope Rescue Kennels and the International Tortoise Association.

Park Vets were also there to offer advice on animal care and welfare, as well as face painter, a Burgess representative offering advice on feed



ABOVE: Katie makes some new friends.

for small animals, a Royal Canin representative advising cat and dog owners on feed, and a photographer for the Pet Portrait Competition.

Countrywide in Wenvoe and Protocol Hire and Sales in Barry are the sponsors for Katie in the

Miss Wales competition. The Miss Wales final is being held on June 26 at St David's Hall, Cardiff.

To vote for Katie to be Miss Wales 2010, text Katie Press to 81118 or phone 0901 293 7990 then add 47.

Eisteddfod chair gets cushioning!

AT Barry Town Council open day on Saturday, June 19, Coun Shirley Hodges presented a needle-point cushion to the Mayor to use on the 1920 Barry National Eisteddfod chair.

This historic chair is used by the Mayor of Barry at all civic meetings and full council meetings.

Coun Hodges said: "I always thought the Mayor looked a bit uncomfortable sitting in



Mayor of Barry Kari Kunnell with Coun Shirley Hodges.

the Eisteddfod Chair and thought a cushion might help. It took me six months to make the cushion in traditional woollen tapestry needlepoint.

"When I first became a councillor, I was given a small badge with the shield from the Barry crest. Many councillors still wear this badge. One side of the cushion shows this shield with the Red Dragon of Wales and two azure Fleurs-de-Lys. The other side of the cushion is based on the front cover of the 1920 Barry Eisteddfod programme."

Coun Hodges added: "At least I can now be sure if the Mayor gives me an uncomfortable look at the next council meeting it will be down to my questions and not because of the splendid Barry Eisteddfod chair!"

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PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB NEWS - an odd thing!

ODD things do happen - a call for help came from a friend who was unable to enter information into his spreadsheet (not the friend who had problems with his printing recently!).

He said that when he clicked on a cell to try entering numbers, a set of mysterious hollow circles appeared in the vicinity. This happened with many, but not all cells.

A visit was deemed necessary to witness the extraordinary happenings.

Viewing the problem brought instant recognition, a laborious and simple cure, but no explanation: the spreadsheet was plastered in invisible Autoshape squares sitting in front of the cells.

An Autoshape is a useful device used in several applications.

As the name implies, it allows the creation of a shape that can add interest to documents.

They come in a variety of shapes such as lines, circles, ovals, squares, rectangles, speech bubbles, stars, banners and so on.

Each shape is customisable for infill colour or pattern; line colour style and thickness; size and proportion.

They can be flipped, reversed and distorted at will.

When one is created, clicking on it will reveal eight or 10 'handles' that are used for manipulation.

One of the fill options is 'No Fill' and a border option is 'No Line'.

A shape so formatted is invisible on screen. Clicking inside the shape has no effect, but when a click hits the border the 'Handles' appear.

As my friend never uses Autoshares, he was understandably baffled when the little hollow circles of the handles appeared.

Shapes are easily removed by selecting them and pressing the Delete key (of course).

Ah! You say. But how do you know where the lines are?

You don't, but a shape will show up if the invisible line is in the way of any click you want to make - as was soon discovered as more and more shapes were found.

Getting rid of the shapes was simple but time-consuming, as there turned out to be several hundred of them.

For some time the only spectator was the cat as the friend went off to make a cup of tea.

Over the cup of tea we were debating the possible origin of so many invisible squares when the cat leapt onto the desk and started walking about.

"He often keeps me company when I am working at my desk. Oh!"

Now how could the cat possibly manage to select an Autoshape from a toolbar that was not on display; select a square; format it to be invisible both in Fill and Line and put several hundred of them onto a spreadsheet?

There is a theory that an infinite number of monkeys with an infinite number of typewriters and infinite time will eventually produce the full works of Shakespeare. I suspect fewer cats would be needed.

For more information, telephone 029 2070 8439.

HOWARD DESMOND

School starts the day with a top breakfast award!

ST HELEN'S Catholic Junior School in Barry has been chosen as one of Britain's best breakfast clubs by Kellogg's and learning charity **ContinYou**.

The breakfast club, in its first year, has been recognised by the National Club Plus Awards, which celebrates those who ensure thousands of children across the country get the best possible start to the day.

A panel of judges selected 'St High 5' as the highly commended club in Wales, winning the school and club prize money of £200 and a framed certificate.

The judges were looking for the best breakfast clubs in Wales and for a breakfast club champion, that special person who makes the club 'tick'.

St High 5 Club co-ordinators, Linda Rees and Dawn Chandler said: "We are absolutely thrilled to have been recognised for all our hard work, especially as its our first year. The children really enjoy the social side of the club and have made new friends over breakfast."

A letter of congratulations was sent by Assembly Minister for education, children and lifelong learning, Leighton Andrews, praising the school and club on their success.

'The money just kept on rising' M & S staff hand bumper £25,700 cheque to hospice



ABOVE: Lorraine Barrett AM, Caroline Williams from Marks and Spencer Culverhouse Cross, Karen Jones, fundraising manager at the Penarth hospice and Baroness Finlay of Llandaff.

STAFF at Marks and Spencer Culverhouse Cross chose the Marie Curie hospice in Penarth as their charity of the year in 2009.

They have spent the past year raising funds in a wide variety of ways including a wonderful 'Mamma Mia' themed dinner at the Vale Hotel at Hensol, and numerous in-store activities that have brought the staff together in a common desire to help care for local patients with cancer and other illnesses.

Karen Jones, the hospice fundraising manager said: "Caroline Williams, the visual merchandise manager from the store, got in touch to discuss ways of working together and the charity was chosen by a massive vote

from staff, which was great because it meant that they were all aware of the wonderful work that we do here.

"Caroline had spent time at the hospice in the past when we cared for her grandmother, and she was really pleased to be able to suggest ways that the Culverhouse Cross store could get involved."

The hospice needed to refurbish two day rooms and a target of £5,000 was set.

However, things didn't go according to plan, as a delighted Karen explained: "The money kept on rising and the final total, with matched funding from Marks and Spencers, came to a whopping £25,700!"

"It was great to work with everyone at Marks and Spencers at Culverhouse Cross and on behalf of our patients, to grow."

I would like to say a huge thank you for such a wonderful partnership.

"If any other companies would like to contact me and talk about similar ways that we can work together, I would be really pleased to hear from you."

The cheque presentation was held at a 'Blooming Great Tea Party' evening held by 'Holm House' in Penarth where the hospice patron, Lorraine Barrett AM for Cardiff South and Penarth) and Baroness Finlay of Llandaff, an expert in palliative care, both spoke of the fantastic work that is being carried out by staff at the hospice and the need to continue to raise funds in the local community to ensure that these wonderful services can continue to grow.

NEWS FROM YSGOL BRO MORGANNWG

Pupils follow ancestral trail - to Patagonia!

THREE pupils at the Vale's only Welsh medium comprehensive, Ysgol Bro Morgannwg in Barry, have been chosen as part of Urdd Gobaith Cymru's volunteer project to Patagonia, in Argentina, in October.

During the visit, they will be taking part in volunteer work in Patagonia, most of which will be with children and young people.

The thriving Welsh-speaking community in Patagonia are the descendants of the shiploads that arrived during the 1880s to escape the bleak poverty of mainly rural Victorian Wales, and pursue their dream of a better life on the other side of the world.

The youngsters will be involved in all aspects of planning the trip, and are expected to learn the basics of the Spanish Language, as Welsh and Spanish are the two indigenous languages in the areas they will be visiting.

As a test of their initiative, the three are expected to raise the sponsorship necessary to fund their experience, and they have set up a web site, www.lostresamigos.org.uk to help them raise the necessary £1,800 each for this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Gareth Davies from Dinas Powys plays rugby for the school and local youth team, while Steffan Griffin from Cowbridge plays rugby for the school and has presented television programmes on S4C in the recent past.

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They would welcome any financial assistance to help them achieve their aims, and have already started a number of schemes to generate the necessary funds.

Full details are on the web site, and any donations will be gratefully received and acknowledged.

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Park Crescent, a window to the sea

PARK CRESCENT is known in Barry as a thriving local shopping area which offers the personal touch, but what some people don't know is that for many visitors to the town it represents 'The Gateway to the Sea'.

Whether it has been school trips from the Valleys or coach trips from the west country and midlands, many excited youngsters got their first glimpse of the sea on the run down to Barry Island.

Park Crescent is popular with local people who want a first class service from niche businesses, but also visitors anxious to pick up a few last-minute essentials for a day at the beach!



ABOVE: Alan Petersen, manager, and Doreen Oakley, deputy manager, of Grape Vine.

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They have put the success of A & A Dancewear down to adhering to old fashion values – excellent customer care and the highest quality products at affordable prices.

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A & A Dancewear also offer a shoe dyeing service.

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Meryl and Jodie are a mother and daughter team. Meryl has a wealth of experience in design with 15 years refurbishing hotels.

ROOM DESIGNS And furnishings opened in Park Crescent on June 4.

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Young volunteers take to their bikes for British Heart Foundation day

PICTURES by GLYN EVANS

THEY'RE OFF!



DOZENS of local youngsters took part in the British Heart Foundation bicycle ride at Llandow recently.

As well as enjoying some early morning exercise they, had collected sponsorship to raise funds for a charity which aims to fight heart disease and encourage healthy living.



College trainees raise funds to help Ty Hafan

A GROUP of young trainee carpenters from Barry College have been busy this year helping community projects, including raising £500 for the children's hospice Ty Hafan.

As part of their Welsh Baccalaureate/Pathways to Apprenticeship course, the students learn new skills in carpentry and joinery and complete two modules with a strong 'community focus'.

One of the modules is based around community participation. For this, the students adopted a beach on behalf of the Marine Conservation Society.

Having decided on Jackson's Bay on Barry Island, the students set about a beach cleanup, collecting and disposing of litter.

They then conducted a survey of the debris found for the society, which will be used as part of a world wide

Vale Council confirm £500 commitment

THE Vale Council is set to become the first council in Wales to publish details of purchases made by its services costing more than £500.

Leader of the council, Gordon Kemp, said: "I believe that local government offers greater trans-

parency than any other public sector. Vale Council agendas, reports and meeting minutes are available on our website, as are details of members' expenses.

In these times of budget cuts, we must balance the cost of providing such information with the need to be publicly accountable.

"However, I have requested that an online database detailing payments from the council to suppliers is made available as soon as possible.

"Providing the database will cost very little and improve the transparency of the council and our accountability to our residents."

The council hopes the database will be available by September.

ANCESTOR TRAIL

MEMBERS of the Vale Heritage Centre Coalition are offering a free family military research service for visitors to Armed Forces Day 2010 at the Pier Head Building in Cardiff Bay this Saturday, June 26.

It is joining forces with the Western Front Association (South Wales branch) to stage a display of First World War weapons, artefacts and memorabilia.

Chairman Dr Jonathan Hicks, said: "We will also be able to tell visitors more about their ancestors who served during the Great War by offering an on-line research service.

"There will also be a powerpoint display on the battles of the Great War, period music, and local historian Gavin Davies will be giving three illustrated talks."

The display opens at 10am and closes at 6pm. The VHCC's website is: <http://glamorganheritage.org/>

NEWS FROM THE OCEAN LOUNGE

Have YOU got the talent?

ON Sunday, July 18, the Ocean Lounge at Porthkerry Leisure Park, Porthkerry, will present a harmonica extravaganza featuring National Harmonica League member and professional musical performer, Aidan Sheehan.

The workshops cost £10 per person, including a free harmonica for you to keep!

Places are limited. Contact Phil Edwards at The Ocean Lounge; Porthkerry Caravan Park, Barry CF62 3Z, or phone 01446 710362 or email lordyplums@hotmail.co.uk www.whiskeyriver.co.uk

Porthkerry's Got Talent!

Porthkerry's Got Talent 2010 will be the second year of what is surely becoming an annual event at the Ocean Lounge, Porthkerry Leisure Park.

Last year, the event attracted more than 60 applicants from south Wales, including vocalists, bands, dancers and comedy acts.

The competition was closely fought throughout the heats and semi-finals, and with the help of the audience, plus judges, including Dave Brookes from Real Radio, the final had everyone on the edge of their seats.

The winner, with a fantastic vocal display, was Gordon Griffith from Newport, closely followed by up and coming youngsters Chris Brown and Jordan Richards with their double act on guitars and

keyboards. All together, more than £1,000 was raised through these nights for Ty Hafan.

This year's event will take place on Sunday nights (except the final on August Bank Holiday Monday) from July 18 until August 29. The first acts will start at 7pm.

The contest is open to anyone over the age of 14 – and any type of act, including specialist, vocalists, dancers, duos, instrumentalists, to perform at the Ocean Lounge where full music and lighting facilities will be available.

This year it will be supporting and raising money for a very special charity.

There is a £10 per act entry fee, which has been charged to attract serious entrants and is used towards staging and production. For application into Porthkerry's Got Talent, please ring 01446 710362/711538 or call in to the club or main office for an application form.

The Ocean Lounge at Porthkerry Leisure Park is proud to be joining forces with SalsAdiccion to bring some Cuban flair to the Vale.

Every Wednesday from July 7 for eight weeks, Charlotte from SalsAdiccion will teach complete beginners how to make the most of this easy to learn dance style.

Lessons are from 7.30pm for two hours, followed by dancing 'till late for only £4. For any more information, please contact Phil on 01446 711538 or email lordyplums@hotmail.co.uk

Fluff is looking for a home

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THIS WEEK : FLUFF

THIS is Fluff, a long haired eight-year-old tabby female cat. She was brought to the Bridgend Adoption centre because she didn't get on with the other two cats in the home.

She is a quiet little cat who loves to curl up on the settee rather than a lap. She likes a groom but not for too long but does keep herself clean.

She is on some drops in her food once a day to help from being a little stiff. Unfortunately, this can come with age!

We are looking for a peaceful home with someone who wants a companion. Does this sound like you?



Fluff

TWO NEW ASSISTANT CHIEFS JOIN FORCE

South Wales Police has two new Chief Police Officers, following the appointment of Matt Jukes and Julian Kirby as new Assistant Chief Constables.

Matt Jukes, 37, will transfer to south Wales from south Yorkshire Police, where he has previously been borough commander for Rotherham and director of Intelligence.

Mr Jukes joined the police service in 1995 and has risen through the ranks swiftly.

As well as being a borough commander, he has wide experience in counter-terrorism and policing critical incidents.

Prior to being a divisional commander, he was head of force operations for Wiltshire Police, which included leading on various policing services, such as the local response to the London terrorist bombings.

Mr Kirby said: "I feel

delighted and privileged to be joining South Wales Police."

Julian Kirby, 48, joins south Wales from Wiltshire Police, leaving his post as divisional commander for the county, where he had responsibility for nearly 900 staff, operating from 20 stations.

Mr Kirby has been a police officer for 23 years.

Prior to being a divisional commander, he was head of force operations for Wiltshire Police, which included leading on various policing services, such as the local response to the London terrorist bombings.

Mr Kirby said: "I feel delighted and privileged to be joining South Wales Police."

"I am a passionate believer in actively involving the community in local policing and will look to build on the excellent work already being carried out."

The appointments, made by the Police Authority, are due to the promotion of Colette Paul to Deputy Chief Constable for south Wales, and the retirement of Dave Morris.

The new officers will take up their positions in the summer.

Winston needs a guiding hand

DOG OF THE WEEK

THE GEM is in partnership with the Dogs Trust to find suitable homes for dogs at the Bridgend rehoming centre. (Telephone 01656 725219).

THIS WEEK: A spokeswoman highlights Winston, a Staffordshire Bull Terrier cross.



Winston is one and a half years old. He's a sensitive young dog who gets quite worried in new situations.

"When he is worried or excited, he resorts to jumping up and mouthing. He is undergoing training at the moment to help teach him to remain calm on the lead, and his new owners will need to be calm and consistent with his handling."

"His training is going well and he is improving. He is housetrained and fine when left for a few hours."

Type of home needed: He needs an experienced owner, used to his breed and who is able to continue his training.

They will be at Penarth Library on Wednesday, June 30, from 2pm-4pm, with special guests Stonewall Cymru.

For further information, contact Joe on (01446) 421782 or visit www.vvb.org.uk.

Volunteer advice

ANYONE interested in volunteering in the Vale is invited to any of the Vale Volunteer Bureau's outreach sessions for advice and information.

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BRIDGEND'S historic market traces its origins back to the Middle Ages, when a charter was granted, which gave it protection from other markets being set up within a radius of six miles.

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The town continued like this for many years, with farmers bringing in their produce and their animals to

trade from the surrounding area.

Well, the cattle market is long gone, but the town's charter market is flourishing in the market hall at the Rhiw

Centre. While Bridgend has changed out of all recognition from the town it was even 30 years ago, one thing has remained constant – the choice and value available to shoppers at the indoor market.

The market is the focal point of old Bridgend – the last remnant of the days when the town boasted a choice of fresh food shops.

With one or two exceptions, these

by JAYNE ISAAC

have now all gone – to be replaced by chain stores, shoe shops, estate agents, building societies and the like.

However, for the shopper seeking quality fresh produce, the market remains an important stopping off point.

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Bridgend market retains the last vestiges of character in a town that has sadly lost much of its personality through 'redevelopment'.

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Council's praise for residents' recycling efforts

ONE week after new waste and recycling collections were introduced throughout Bridgend county borough, the council is thanking residents for their enthusiastic response and co-operation.

A council spokesman said that the new service allows residents to recycle most of their household waste on a weekly basis, including all waste food, plastics, cans, cardboard, glass, tetra packs, paper and textiles.

The scheme has been praised by the Welsh Assembly Government, which this week chose Bridgend as its location to launch the Wales-wide 'Towards Zero Waste' initiative.

Since BCBC's new scheme began, it has seen massive amounts of material placed out for recycling by householders.

Coun John Spanswick, cabinet member for communities, said: "Bridgend County Borough Council takes the subject of recycling and waste very seriously and we are passionate about creating a cleaner and greener borough for the residents of today and tomorrow. "It's clear from this

week that residents are more than ready to play their part and we want to thank them for their patience and co-operation, as we know this has meant a big adjustment for households.

"We have been working hard to help residents understand what they now need to do.

"It has also been an adjustment for those collecting the recycling and waste and they have been working exceptionally long hours to complete rounds.

"But the positive response has been overwhelming, with many householders even appearing to have stockpiled materials in anticipation of the new scheme beginning.

"I believe that the new procedures will make us one of the top performing local authorities in Wales for recycling waste and diverting it away from being disposed of as landfill.

Speaking at the launch of Towards Zero Waste, First Minister Carwyn Jones, who is the AM for Bridgend, said: "We must all make changes.

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FORTE'S SUPER-SPY SPOOF FAILS TO STRIKE THE FUNNY BONE...

THE American comedy institution *Saturday Night Live* has proved to be both a fertile breeding ground for generations of comedians, yet has also helped produce those who haven't exactly set the world alight.

While esteemed alumni include Bill Murray, Eddie Murphy, Adam Sandler and Will Ferrell, there have also been the likes of Molly Shannon, Chris Kattan and Cheri Oteri, whose work outside... *Live* has lacked the impact they enjoyed in their day job.

The latest cast member to try his luck on the big screen is Will Forte, whose character, *MacGruber* (based on 80s television show *MacGyver*), makes the transition from sketch to feature length film.

When his nemesis, Dietrich Von Cunth (Val Kilmer), takes control of a nuclear weapon intent on blowing up America, only MacGruber can save the day. Teaming up with Lt Dixon Piper (Ryan Phillippe) and Vicki St Elmo (Kristen Wiig), will MacGruber, and his ability to construct weapons out of the most basic of items, be able to stop Cunth in

time...

When I went to America way back in 1992, *MacGyver* seemed to be on constant rotation across the channels, the super-spy capable of using his scientific background to get his way out of any situation, coming across as a peculiar mix of *The A-Team* and *Blue Peter*.

Obviously striking a comic chord with Will Forte and the character's creator, Jorma Taccone, the character of MacGruber has been a hit on *Saturday Night Live* in sketch form – but as for a feature length film, well, sadly, it fails to hit the same heights.

The film suffers from its transition process, unable to sustain itself over the admittedly slight 90-minute running time, but is also far too reliant on crude humour and not enough on spoofing the intended target.

This isn't overly surprising, given that *Saturday Night Live* spin-offs either tend to soar (*Wayne's World*, *The Blues Brothers*) or sink (*A Night At The Roxbury*, *Superstar*).

What is frustrating about *MacGruber* is that there are some decent enough touches that could have resulted in a far better end-product. Instead, in lieu of actual humour, there are just profanities,

toilet jokes and lame attempts at humour that are far more miss than hit.

Coming from the mind of Jorma Taccone, who also directs the film, and also co-writes with Will Forte and John Solomon, the character is very funny in small doses, but ramped up for an hour-and-a-half doesn't work.

Taccone has built up a reputation for his work on both *Saturday Night Live* and with comedy band The Lonely Island, yet this is a misstep for him, the film lacking the invention and wit of his other work.

His direction is steeped in the action films of the 1980s, all slow motion explosions and hairspray, but feels lifeless and lacking in any real stylistic, or comedic, flair.

While Taccone takes great delight in the cheesy-blockbuster-ness of it all, there isn't the scope nor the budget on offer to truly lampoon the genre.

In the title role, Will Forte shows very little charisma or comedic skill, and does more mugging than actual acting.

Seeing as Forte's previous forays on the big screen in the likes of *The Brothers Solomon* have similarly failed to yield much in the way of posi-

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

tive feedback, it seems the actor may well be consigned to the smaller screen, as nothing he offers here either marks him out for any great reverence. In fact, you could say that comic acting is not his Forte (a line, by the way, that outstrips 90 per cent of those in the film).

Given the casting of 'proper' actors around him, no doubt to try to give the film a solid foundation, you would expect more from them, but they are dragged down to Forte's level, struggling for life under the constant bombardment of low-grade humour.

Ryan Phillippe may have undergone something of a career rebirth, but here he's lucky to

come out relatively unscathed.

He shows little ability for comedy, and it comes to something when the funniest thing he can do is place a stick of celery between his buttocks for a lazy, and very cheap, laugh.

Val Kilmer is in a similar position to Phillippe, and he too only just comes out unscathed mainly due to a lack of screen time.

While his character's name is a one-note joke that quickly falls flat, Kilmer, who is more than capable of comedy (just search out *Top Secret!* for evidence of that), isn't given any funny lines nor any humorous motivations; his villain is dull and lifeless, and Kilmer's performance embraces that.

In a film full of woeful and dull turns, it is Kristen Wiig who comes out with the most credit, despite firing on about 20 per cent capability.

Wiig is a hugely gifted comedic performer, the likes of *Whip It* and *Adventureland* attesting to that, and while she is anything but sensational here, she stands out from the crowd due to her naturalistic comedy and failure to drain of every drop of the laugh.

Hardly exemplary, but Wiig's turn is by far the most impressive

thing in the film.

Despite the reliance on such low-brow humour, there are few gags that manage to hit home, albeit smothered by those that fail to hit their target.

MacGruber's propensity for taking his car stereo with him wherever he goes and a love-making scene that thoroughly skewers the genre convention are the most memorable, but in the main it is a film that lacks comedic conviction.

With a target that ran out of pop culture relevance nearly 20 years ago, and a lack of quality on show, *MacGruber* is another disappointing offshoot from *Saturday Night Live*.

VERDICT – A film that struggles to earn laughs, *MacGruber* shows it hasn't the legs or sustainability to go from TV sketch to feature film. A script that is lacking in invention, and an overreliance on puerile humour, means there is little to tickle the funny bone here.

While *MacGyver* could construct a weapon from a Swiss army knife and duct tape, not even the most skilled of filmmakers could construct a worthwhile film from this weak script and the poor performances. *Poor*.

AM's praise for Barry gardens



ABOVE and BELOW: The AM admires the gardens.

VALE AM Jane Hutt recently visited two Barry gardens for the National Gardens Scheme.

She reported: "I started at Dave Bryant's wonderful garden in Aneurin Road with an incredible display of flowers and shrubs – the colours, scents and design were so impressive.

"Moving onto Debbie Palmer's garden, I loved the tranquillity and charm of the lily ponds, climbing roses, ferns and shaded areas.

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BillBoard Ensemble to stage show of Beauty and the Beast

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The cast is chosen, sets ordered and costumes being made for the story of a beautiful village girl 'Belle' who, while being pestered by the local romeo, falls in love with the Beast.

Beauty and the Beast runs from July 29, 30, 31 at 7.30pm with an additional matinee performance 2.30pm on July 31.

Tickets - adults £10, child/OAP £8 are now available from box offices at 'A & A Dancewear, Park Crescent, Barry and from 'Copy-It', Holton Road, Barry.

For more information, telephone 01446 400055.



Lois Banks (Belle) and Michael Bennett (the Beast).

Flat Holm unveiled – in music and pictures

THE Flat Holm Society and Barry Choral Society are presenting a unique event at the Norwegian Church, Cardif Bay on July 3 at 7.30pm, telling the story of Flat Holm Island in an

unusual way. This audio-visual feast takes you on a journey through the wildlife and history of the island. It is accompanied by Barry Choral Society choir, singing a medley of songs. Barry Comprehensive School will also contribute to the evening.

An interesting mix of photo, song and talk, is the culmination of ideas and knowledge from both societies. The photos are from the Flat Holm Project archive as well as from Flat Holm Society members and Barry Comprehensive School. Complementary songs were chosen by Barry Choral Society. Tickets are £7 each, by phone from Cardiff Bay Visitor Centre on 02920 877 927 or Flat Holm Office on 02920 877912. Any profit from the evening will benefit both charities taking part.

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SCHOOL HISTORY

ON June 23, a new history of Howell's School, Llandaff, was launched at the school, immediately before an open house event as part of the school's celebrations for its 150th birthday this year.

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Miss (and Mr) Wales contestants take outward bound test

CONTESTANTS in the forthcoming Miss Wales competition were a long way away from the beauty salon and hairdressers last weekend, when they visited Atlantic College to take on some outward bound challenges.

It was not just the girls either – as some of the boys in the 'Mr Wales' contest were learning the techniques of abseiling as well.

However, it is one thing learning the technique – it is quite another when it comes to taking that first step from the cliff edge!

The challenge was the idea of Courtenay Hamilton, who is this year's Miss Vale of Glamorgan.

Courtenay is familiar with the outward bound side of St Donats, as her father is a teacher at Atlantic College.

The final of Miss Wales takes place on June 26, and to register a vote for Miss Vale, either text Courtenay Hamilton to 81118, or visit the website www.misswales.co.uk/finalists



Miss Vale of Glamorgan, Courtenay Hamilton.
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LLANTWIT Major Bowling Club's **Munro Cup** game last week was against local rivals Cowbridge.

This fixture is normally won by the home team - Cowbridge winning on their artificial green and Llantwit winning on grass - and this continued with Llantwit winning on their home patch, although Cowbridge gave them an early fright when they were up on three rinks before Llantwit got their heads together, resulting in a 78-53 shot win.

Graham Jones' rink had a runaway win, always in the lead, out-classing Cowbridge by a 21-shot margin.

Alan Gibbard's rink started slowly before finished off a successful overtaking Mike week with another

Bradley's rink to win by four shots.

Danny Ahearn's rink were 11-3 down against Roger Barwick's rink as it appeared that the green was to their liking.

Llantwit hit back, scoring 16 shots to the opposition's three to win.

Charles Hiscock's rink had a tough battle and were always in arrears, losing eventually by five shots.

Rink scores: Graham Jones 32-11; Alan Gibbard 17-13; Danny Ahearn 19-14; Charles Hiscock 10-15.

Llantwit had a convincing win in their home league fixture against Bargoed, winning on all rinks to secure maximum points by 112-46 shots.

Rink scores: Graham Jones 35-5; Danny Ahearn 33-11; Charles Hiscock 21-11; Alan Gibbard 23-19.

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BARRY ATHLETIC BOWLS CLUB

Conclusive wins for both first and second teams

BOTH Barry Athletic Private Greens teams registered good wins in their respective divisions last Saturday.

The First team came away from their PG1 fixture at Whitchurch with nine points in a 92-84 win, to maintain their good early season form.

Top rink honours, and the match winner, was skip Chris Blake, who recorded an impressive 28-18 success. His rink featured Dave Snelling, Bill Summerell and the consistent Ben Parrish, a new member to the club this season.

Glyn Thomas' rink looked set for victory when they led 27-21

going into the last end, but the Cardiff bowlers bagged a six to snatch an unexpected draw.

Geoff Whittaker and Robert Horgan were involved in close encounters throughout and both went down by a single shot.

Scores: Barry Athletic PG1 at Whitchurch - D Snelling, B Summerell, B Parrish, C Blake 28, Whitchurch 18.

J Beanland, G Gane, DK Williams, G Whittaker 19, Whitchurch 20.

S McKernan, C Spillane, K Harris, G Thomas 27, Whitchurch 27.

A Thomas, D Jones, C Wright, R Horgan 18, Whitchurch 19.

Barry Athletic PG2 v Cardiff Sophia Gardens - E Booker, D Coombs, G Green, B Wright 22, Sophia Gardens 16.

W Webber, J Jupp, A Mintern, D Newman 20, Sophia Gardens 27.

J Ball, A Piddock, C Phillips, G Humphreys 17, Sophia Gardens 15. J Morton, B Turner, J Horgan, I Stevenson 22, Sophia Gardens 11.

The Athletic midweek line-up won their third Munro Cup match, beating Rhoose by 88-54 at Barry Island last Wednesday night.

Skip Dave Snelling was in top form and led his rink to an overwhelming 33-6 score, while Geoff Whittaker's rink were 26-14 victors on what was a good night for mid week captain Alan Thomas' squad.



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Cowbridge ladies fly the tennis flag

THE men's team at Cowbridge Tennis Club had a top-of-the-table clash against Rhiwbina.

Cowbridge were looking to avenge their narrow loss earlier this season, but with two of his key players unavailable, captain Paul Arnold knew it would be another close game.

As feared, the teams finished with a 3-3 draw and once again a win for Rhiwbina, claiming the match 7-6 in sets. This now places the men second in their division behind Rhiwbina.

Team members were Hugh Wallace and Peter Booth, who won both their matches, Allan Duggan and Warren Davies (winning one) and Paul Wilby and Paul Arnold.

The Ladies second team were away to Barry where they also finished with a 3-3 draw but in this match they won 7-6 in sets.

Louise Hailstone and Nonie Hempson, Sian Thomas and Kathy Harwood-Morgan, Pat Thomas and Sarah Wallace all won one match each.

The ladies first team had a chance of a bigger victory and they didn't disappoint. They hosted a team from Dinas Powys and enjoyed a 5-1 win. Gill Ridout and Alison Kubobsa, Jenny Lord and Karen James, Tricia Jochem and Nonie Hempson all contributed to the result.

Captain Alison Kubobsa was particularly pleased with the performance of the ladies playing up from the second team. She said: "We had players unavailable this week and Tricia and Nonie played really well, highlighting the good level of ladies tennis at the club".

The team are joint top in their league with three matches left to play.

Bisson regains squash title

JON BISSON regained his men's champion title in a hard fought match at Cowbridge Squash Club on Saturday night.

He managed to wrestle back the winners trophy from Nick Guard, who has had the upper hand for the last four years.

To add insult to injury, Guard and Julian Jenkins also lost the men's doubles title to the new part-

nership of Richard Ford and Simon Payne.

Presentations were made in the rugby club following the matches where club chairman Clive Prigg awarded two special commendations for their help in running the club to Mike Board, for his commitment to ensuring the insulation project of last winter was completed successfully, and to Nial Sloan, for his continued development of the junior section.

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Barry Central on form for vital victory

HAVING experienced a disappointing start to the club's involvement in the Cardiff and District division four, only picking up two points from previous two games, Barry Central entertained St Mellons at the Gladstone Garden Green on Saturday.

The game started after a minute's silence in respect of the death of the club's treasurer Roger Taylor, who sadly passed away the previous night. The thoughts of the committee and club members are with Pat and the family.

The home side produced a sterling display and after five ends were well in front. Later in the match, Ted Hudd's rink started to fall behind, resulting in a bad loss for Ted who

had indicated halfway through the game he was unwell.

As a result, his rink lost by 14 shots; the club wish Ted a speedy recovery.

All other rinks did very well, with Alan Davies' rink winning by four shots; Joe Bratcher's rink by 13.5 shots due the St Mellons team being only able to field three players; and John Jones' rink winning by 22.5 shots, again due to the fact that St Mellons were only able to field three players.

Praise must go to Graham Davies, who played lead on John Jones' rink and had an excellent game.

The results were as follows: A Davies 20, A Nichols 16; E Hudd 16, D Tyner 30; J Bratcher 24, F Ball 10.5; J Jones 25, J Faux 2.5.

Barry Central 85, St Mellons 59, Barry Central 12, St Mellons 2.

CADOXTON BOWLS REPORT

First team has pair of setbacks

THE Munro Cup match at Windsor brought a defeat on all four rinks - the scorecards were not available at time of going to press.

Cadoxton v Cymmer - CML3

Cadoxton took a weakened team to Cymmer, with seven players not available. The outcome was a narrow five-shot defeat, and just two points from one winning rink.

That rink was skipped by 'Nunk' Brown with

the welcome return from university of grandson Ashley Brown, giving a pristine performance at lead. David Evans has settled into the rink to play his part with

Andrew Hatcher as third in a combination which produced an outstanding 24-5 victory.

Kelvin Chedzoy almost brought another success on his rink. After leading 7-2 after six ends, the advantage changed to 10-8 down after 12 ends. A 4' on the winning rink was retrieved by two 3's against after two dead ends left them

behind again.

Another 4' regained the lead with two ends left, but three shots against in the final two ends took away the points.

Don Kuhnell's rink

went from 5-0 up to 5-15 down before a good recovery brought the deficit to just one at 14-15. However, this upsurge was ended when a 4' and 5' were conceded, to take away any chance of success.

The rink skipped by Gary Jones trailed from the start and only six winning ends were recorded, in their defeat.

H Hellyer, S Pycroft, J Davies, K Chedzoy, 18-20; G Solomon, J Sugden, H Craven, D Kuhnell, 16-27; A Brown, D Evans, A Hatcher, G Brown, 24-5; D Tuck, A Carpenter, W Vaughan, G Jones, 10-21. Final score: 68-73.

Cadoxton A'v Rumney A' - CML 6

The 'A' side hosted a game against Rumney 'A' and once again they got the better of their opposition, recording a substantial 30-shot success overall.

The main providers of this win were two rinks. One was skipped by Roy Harding, with assistance from Stan Clements, Ron Doble and Gordon 'the bus'. Four 3's a '4' and a '5' were included in the 30 shots amassed.

The other one was skipped by Graham Garland, who had Steve Clarke, Vernon Bryant, and Ivor Robertson giving their support, and getting success on two-thirds of the ends.

John Stewart's rink could have been the third winners, but three losing final ends brought the scores level. Unfortunately, three 5's were conceded during the match skipped by Derek Brooks which was lost by eight shots.

R Knight, I Dunbar, L Little, J Stewart, 15-15; S Clarke, V Bryant, I Robertson, G Garland, 27-8; D Collard, K Tanner, M Curtis, D Brook, 19-27; S Clements, R Doble, G Davies, R Harding, 30-11.

Final score: 91-61. DK

BARRIVALE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

Latest results from Barrivale are as follows:

Tuesday, June 8: 1st Mike Close and Denis Mottram 61.46 per cent; 2nd Mark Roderick and Mike Best 60.94; 3rd Tom Kendrick and Dave Thomas 56.25.

Tom and Dave won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. For more information, telephone 01446 733425.

	P	W	L	Pts
Barry Internationals	7	7	0	14
Llantwit Cavaliers	7	7	0	14
Lisvane	5	5	0	10
Barry Wanderers	7	4	3	8
Cogan Chiefs	6	4	2	8
Barry Athletic	6	4	2	8
Penarth	8	4	4	8
Cardiff	6	3	3	6
Barry West End	7	3	4	6
Dinas Powys	7	2	5	4
Pencoed	7	2	5	4
Creigiau	7	2	5	4
Fontygary	6	1	5	2
Llantwit Cavaliers Colts	6	1	5	2
Tynewydd Inn	6	0	6	0

CARDIFF AND THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN SCHOOLS CROSS-COUNTRY PRESENTATION EVENING, YSGOL GYFUN BRO MORGANNWG

Report: PETER MORRIS
Photographs: IAN DIXON

BETHAN DAW was the only Vale pupil to receive a major award at the end-of-season Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Schools' Cross-Country presentation evening, held at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg in Barry.

The year-11 pupil at St Cyres enjoyed a very successful winter, winning two of the three Cardiff & the Vale Schools' league races to take her age group points title. To that, she added the under-17 championship title, and then led the Cardiff & the Vale middle team to second place at the Aviva Welsh Schools' National cross-country title at Brecon on the 1st of February.

Her performance at Brecon gained her a first Welsh Schools' international vest at the Aviva SIAB cross-country match, hosted by English Schools at Truro in Cornwall.

Bethan was awarded the Stanwell Old Girls Cup as the outstanding Cardiff & the Vale girl, and Mr John Penny, the president of Welsh

Athletics, was on hand to make the presentation.

Awards were made to individuals and teams for performances in the three fixture league programme, the championships held in January and February 2010 at Trelai. In addition, all the pupils who represented the Cardiff & the Vale district at Brecon on February 27 were presented with a district colours medals, while athletes who gained representative honours for Welsh Schools received an award to recognise their achievement.

In the league section, both Bethan Daw (under-19) and Megan Osborne (Llantwit, under-14) received the leading points certificates, while Cowbridge, Bro Morgannwg and Llantwit received certificates for finishing teams in the top three positions.

Three Vale pupils – Owen Haswell (Stanwell, under-20), Bethan Daw and Megan Osborne – won championship titles, with the Cowbridge girls completing a league and



Members of the Senior Boys team which finished third at the Aviva Welsh Schools' championships in February.
Left to right: Darran Jones (Llantwit), Dominic Farr (Bro Morgannwg), Owen Haswell (Stanwell) and Ieuan Donovan (Bro Morgannwg).

championships double in the year-7 section.

Thirty Vale pupils received district colours medals while four pupils – Bethan Daw, Owen Haswell, Megan Osborne and Caitlin Bryant – received international awards.

In his closing remarks, chairman Rob Glaves thanked a number of groups, who had contributed to the association's programme.

Included in his list were the headteacher, governing body and the PE staff at Bro Morgannwg for allowing the use of the facilities and organising the presentation, the Vale Council for its grant, the Vale newspapers for coverage of the association's activities, the pupils, who took part in the association's activities, their parents, and two individuals who have made special contributions, Mr Ted Nicholson (first aid) and Mr Ian Dixon (photography).

Awards made to Vale pupils at the presentation: LEAGUE AWARDS: Year-7 Girls – under-12; Team: 1 Cowbridge 72.

Years 8 and 9 Girls – under-14: Points: Megan Osborne (Llantwit) 421; Team: 3 Cowbridge 67. Years 10 to 14 Girls – under-19: Points: Bethan Daw (St Cyres) 215; Team: 2 Cowbridge 57.

Year-7 Boys – under-12: Team: 3 Cowbridge 64. Years 8 and 9 Boys – under-14: Team: 3 YG Bro Morgannwg 66.

Years 10 to 14 Boys – under-19: Team: 2 YG Bro Morgannwg 58; 3 Llantwit 49.

CHAMPIONSHIP INDIVIDUAL and TEAM AWARDS: Boys' Championships held at Trelai Park on January 26: Years 10 to 14 – under-20: 1st Owen Haswell Stanwell; 2nd Darren Jones Llantwit; Team: 3rd – Bro Morgannwg 61 (5th Rory Heslop); 15th Dominic Farr; 16th Rhys George; 25th Joseph Whitmarsh-Knight.

Girls' Championships held at Trelai Park on February 9: Year-7 –



Junior girls who won the team competition at the Aviva Welsh Schools' championships in February. Back row: Annabel Curle (Cowbridge), Angharad Cole (Llantwit), Megan Osborne and Lucy Tarrant (Llantwit). Front row: Betsan Jenkins (Plasmawr), Abigail Frayling and Kate Searcy (Whitchurch).

under-13: 3rd Rebecca Thomas Cowbridge; Team: 1st – Cowbridge 40 (3rd Rebecca Thomas; 6th Nadine James; 15th Ellie Bishop; 16th Alice Tudor).

Years 8 and 9 – under-15: 1st Megan Osborne Llantwit; 2nd Kate Coker Stanwell.

Years 10 to 14 – under-20 – under-17: 1st Bethan Daw St Cyres; under-20: 2nd Elspeth Bisson Cowbridge; 3rd Holly Preece Cowbridge; Team: 2nd – Cowbridge 62 (7th Fiona Bray; 16th Rachel Bradshaw; 17th Katie Wynne; 22nd Elspeth Bisson); B Team 1st Cowbridge B 126 (26th Holly Preece; 30th Lucy Williams; 34th Georgina Kemeys; 36th Rosie Dent).

AWARD OF DISTRICT CROSS-COUNTRY COLOURS to athletes who competed at the Aviva 48th Welsh Schools' National Championships at Brecon on February 27:

Senior Girls under-20: Team – 2nd 14; Sabrina James Cowbridge 28th.

Middle Girls under-17: Team – 2nd 85;

Bethan Daw St Cyres 7th; Caitlin Bryant The Cathedral 9th; Fiona Bray Cowbridge 23rd;

Danielle Green St Richard Gwyn 25th;

Eloise Laity Westbourne 38th.

Junior Girls under-15: Team – 1st 80; Megan Osborne Llantwit Major 2nd; Kate Coker Stanwell 18th; Erin Hayes Llantwit 28th;

Annabel Curle Cowbridge 34th; Lucy Tarrant Llantwit 48th.

Year-7 Girls under-13: Team – 2nd 129; Nadine James Cowbridge 25th;

Rebecca Thomas Cowbridge 26th; Ana Mirza-Davies Stanwell 31st; Poppy Davies Howells 60th.

Senior Boys under-20: Team – 3rd 111; Owen Haswell Stanwell 5th;

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YMCA's youngsters do Wales proud in British competition

BARRY YMCA youngsters Kiera Brennan (13) and Morgan Horne (12) recently had an eventful visit to England to compete at the British Espoirs Gymnastics Championships.

This competition is only open to the best 12 and 13-year-old gymnasts from across GB, so the Barry YMCA gymnastics club members have been working hard to achieve the required skills over the past few months at the Welsh Gymnastics Academy, where they are trained by the Welsh National squad coach.

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ABOVE: Kiera Brennan and Morgan Horne.

training, which meant that she had to withdraw from three of the five apparatus.

This did not dampen her enthusiasm for competing on the remaining two apparatus of conditioning set and bars.

She demonstrated excellent determination on the bars to win the silver medal, placing second in GB, narrowly missing out on the gold by 0.1.

Morgan has been

learning a number of new skills over the past few months, which she showcased at this event.

She showed great poise and despite a few falls, she still had a good competition, placing 26th overall in GB in her first year in this age group.

Her best performance was on conditioning set, where she placed 14th in GB. Congratulations to both Kiera and Morgan.

KAREN DAVIES

Young Elis plays chess for Wales

C O W B R I D G E chess player **Elis Bird**, recently represented Wales under-10s against England at Monmouth.

Elis, who learned the game and is coached at The Cathedral School in Llandaff, where he is a pupil.

Elis has one major challenge to fulfil in July when he travels to Manchester for the

British Land Gigafinal, having been one of seven children to qualify from Wales.

Although the Wales team lost the encounter, it represented a high point of a successful year for

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WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT AND WHERE IN THE VALE?

Mr K Bennett – **11 Meggett Road, Barry** – double storey side extension to provide first floor accommodation.

Mr Stephen Bennett – **10 Chapel Close, Dinas Powys** – remove original flat roof porch. Replace porch and fit pitched roof and tile, brickwork to replace wood cladding.

Filo Foods – **19 Boverton Road, Llantwit Major** – the enlargement of an existing garage and the construction of a store room for the store.

Mr and Mrs S White – **Red Farm House, Llangoed** – erection of rear two storey extension and double garage to rear.

Mr and Mrs C J Russon – **4 Sycamore Close, Dinas Powys** – to part demolish existing sun lounge and construction new extension with adjusted roof lines.

Mr Christopher Evans – **14 Brenig Close, Cwm Talwg, Barry** – erection of 2 metre-high wooden fence to rear boundary of dwelling.

Mr Mark Jones – **11 Coldbrook Road West, Barry** – proposed extension and alteration to round floor.

ESA Tree Care Ltd – **The Rectory, High Street, Llantwit Major** – removal of two Douglas Fir two Hollies, m/stem Sycamore, a Western Red Cedar and reduce Eucalyptus by 30 per cent.

Mr and Mrs Tim and Julie Jones – **6 Porlock Drive, Sully** – existing conservatory to be replaced with single storey rear extension.

Mr Philip Dando – **Springfield Court, Peterston Super Ely** – retrospective approval for minor changes to full consent 2005/00803/FUL (two holiday apartments to replace burnt out

garage).

Mr Colin Burbage – **Upalong House, Penyturnpike Road, Dinas Powys** – two storey annexe to existing domestic dwelling for additional family members on site adjacent to existing garden.

Vale of Glamorgan Council – **North Lodge, Dyffryn Gardens, Dyffryn Lane, St Nicholas** – change of use of North Lodge to office accommodation (following the approval of temporary consent granted under application 2005/01926/REG3 minute no. 1979).

Mrs Mandy Singleton – **Sheepleys Farm Buildings, Sutton Road, Llandow** – Change of use of land from agriculture to horticulture which includes the use and development of horses and the siting of a static caravan.

Mr and Mrs Daley – **31 Cambourne Close, Highlight Park, Barry** – rear extension to bungalow to improve bedroom accommodation.

Mrs Helen Trigg – **Sherwood, 80 Victoria Road, Penarth** – conservatory to rear of house. Mr D Manson – **Llys Alaw, Ton Brigham, Llancaen** – new two storey garage and storage area on site of existing garage and store.

Mr and Mrs Andrew Miller – **The Rickyard, Upper Farm Court, Rhoose** – demolish existing dwelling construction of new including conversion of existing barn.

Mr and Mrs A J Veysey – **The Meadows, Llantrithyd** – extensions to include porch, orangery and swimming pool.

Openreach – **8 Bradenham Place, Penarth** – fibre optic modular cabinet, construction green metal.

Mr Nat Gibson – **Orchard**

House, 3 Colcot Road, Barry – small extension of the existing boiler room at the rear of building.

Mrs Ida Kennedy – **17 Borough Close, Cowbridge** – demolition of existing attached outbuilding and construction of new granny annexe single storey extension to side.

Mr Michael Scott – **56 Main Street, Barry** – change of use to mixed use residential and A1 retail.

Mr and Mrs B Lewis – **33 Westward Rise, Barry** – extend to rear of dwelling new sun lounge/breakfast room and kitchen with internal alterations.

Mr Javed Shami – **Redesdale, 5 Constitution Hill, Cowbridge** – retrospective application for construction of garden store.

Mrs Harris – **94 Fonmon Park Road, Rhoose** – rear conservatory.

Mr Barber – **New House, St Hilary** – fell Spruce near drive. Mr and Mrs Robert Bradshaw – **Mr Ffynnon, Llanmaes, Llantwit Major** – addition of porch and enclosed patio to side and rear of existing dwelling.

Miss Caroline Morgan – **Penuchadre Farm, St Brides Major** – extension to existing livestock building.

Mrs Ann Mellor – **63 Westward**

Rise, Barry – demolition of garage replaced by a single storey rear and side extension.

Mr Simon Heselton – **Cross Green, Llancarfan** – two storey extension and demolition works.

Mr Les Seaton – **Plymouth House West, Dimlands Road, Llantwit Major** – construction of new lean-to single storey workshop in location of ruined existing outbuilding.

Headmaster – **Llantwit Major School, Ham Lane East, Llantwit Major** – erection of three free standing flag poles at the front of the school site.

Mr Mike Cullinan – **1 Brooklands Terrace, Culverhouse Cross** – new second storey timber framed extension.

Mr Alex French – **26 Augusta Road, Penarth** – erection of first floor extension.

Barclays Bank Plc – **73 Holton Road, Barry** – proposed internally illuminated fascia signs (x2) and projecting signs.

Mrs Isabel Dowling – **92 Salisbury Road, Barry** – single storey kitchen and shower room extension.

Mrs Susan Bowen – **9 Bridgewater Road, Sully** – two storey rear extension.

Mr Stephen Wood – **40 Murlande Way, Rhoose** – erection of a storage shed.

Mr and Mrs Tony Kirtland – **21 Clinton Road, Penarth** – demolition and replacement of existing shower room, to include minor alterations to fenestration.

The Money Shop – **93 Holton Road, Barry** – installation of new shop front.

Mr R Cassidy – **5 Main Street, Barry** – sub-division of dwelling to 2 no. units, gabling of hipped roof, dormer roof extension, single storey rear extension and erection of external staircase.

Mrs Christine Edwards – **10 Tresilian Close, Llantwit Major** – single storey side extension and front porch.

Mr and Mrs P John – **30 Drylla, Dinas Powys** – first floor domestic extension and conversion of garage.

Mr Ian Hunt, Filco Supermarkets – **12 Poundfield, Llantwit Major** – single storey extension and first floor extension to existing retail unit.

Mr L J Walters – **Rivermouth House, 6 Main Road, Ogmore By Sea** – two storey extension.

Miss Latcham – **25 Pant y Celyn Place, St Athan** – single storey conservatory.

Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church in Wales – **St Paul's Avenue/Trinity Street, Barry** – construction of church/community hall incorporating amendments to full planning permission 2008/01417/FUL which include additional storage and WC facilities.

Fun Foundations Day Nursery – **Valle Forge, North Road, Cowbridge** – Change of use to day nursery (D1 use).

Vale Volunteer Bureau – **34 Holton Road, Barry** – dismantle two Sycamores.

Mrs Shirley Jones – **5 Cambourne Close, Barry** – retrospective conservatory and wet room to rear of dwelling.

Mr Richard Coleman – **West Wind Farm, Penyturnpike Road, Dinas Powys** – erection of stables and new access off Penyturnpike Road, Dinas Powys.

Mr Andrew Bourner – **16 Stalcourt Avenue, Llantwit Major** – amendment to previously approved application 2009/00635/FUL to set garage extension back and alter extension from a hipped roof to a gable end.

Mr Andrew Murray – **18 White House, The Knap, Barry** – a timber construction and clad garden store/summer house.

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BARRY ATHLETIC CRICKET ROUND-UP

STAGS' FIRST TEAM BOWLERS TIE DOWN THE OPPPOSITION

A FANTASTIC weekend for Barry Athletic Cricket Club, with both teams on Saturday recording comfortable victories.

Nathan Baker won the toss and decided to bowl first on a green-looking pitch at Llantwit Fardre, and gained a wicket in the first over with Peter Hellyar trapping the opener lbw.

Both Hellyar and young superstar Jake Griffet had the batsmen in all kinds of trouble, and Llantwit struggled to score freely as Hellyar picked up another two wickets in a fine display.

Steve Jones replaced Griffet and joined the party with four wickets, one a fine catch by Dessie Leake at point and one catch by Andrew Buckland.

Uswald bowled at the death with Griffet,

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and Llantwit limped to 50 overs, with the score at 142-8, a fine bowling and fielding performance where Barry were always in control.

After the interval, Barry needed a good start to a tricky chase on a bowler-friendly pitch, but they didn't get it – thanks to the out of form Nathan Baker who was caught behind for a duck.

Andrew Buckland joined Lee Morgan at the crease and together they hung around long enough to take the shine off the new ball.

Morgan was eventually caught at cover for 17, but Ian Gadd then made batting look easy with a quickfire 49, which released the pressure off the Barry batsmen.

He was caught playing one big shot too many with the damage already done.

The impressive Buckland and Damon Leake made sure there was no collapse, but Buckland was unlucky to receive a ripper of a delivery and was caught behind for an excellent 35.

With only seven runs needed, Leake finished unbeaten on 29 not out and Barry won by six wickets.

BATTING FORM ENSURES 2ND XI WIN

Hoovers CC were in town to face the Second XI. Martin Baker was the skipper for the day – as usual skipper Des Leake was answering an SOS call by the Firsts.

Hoovers won the toss and decided to bat first. John Gee opened the bowling and got an early wicket, thanks to Simon Phillips who took a stunning catch.

Whizz kids Dafydd Frost and Sam Johnson kept up the pressure on the Hoovers' batsmen with some tight bowling and Johnson took the second wicket of the day, knocking middle stump out of the ground.

Kelvin Williams and Phillips kept Barry on the front foot with their medium pace bowling, Phillips somehow picking up two wickets in his 10-over spell.

Martin Baker brought himself on to bowl and picked up a wicket, with Jack Thomas saving the Hoovers' blushes with an unbeaten 78. 216-6 off 50 overs, a score that Barry would be happiest with.

Batting this year hasn't been a problem for Barry Second XI and they started their reply in

a positive manner.

Simon Phillips was out for a quickfire 16, Jonny Phillips hit three before being caught behind.

Alarm bells were starting to ring, but Hopkins joined the inform Baker. The power of Baker and class of Hopkins took Barry from 52-1 to 143-3, a fine partnership before Baker was caught on 73, hitting nine glorious fours. Glen Williams saw Barry home with a calm 29 not out and Hopkins hit a match-winning 84 not out which included 10 fours and two huge sixes out of the ground.

Barry won by seven wickets and five overs to spare.

THIRDS BATTLE FOR WIN

Barry Athletic Sunday XI were hosting Brecon at the Barry Island Oval; Brecon won the toss and decided to bat first.

A young Barry team were on the ball straight away with Jake Griffet and skipper Andy Ellis opening the bowling.

First, second and third change bowlers Callum Twoomey, Frost and leg

spinner Richie Roberts, also performed with the ball, and wickets fell at regular intervals.

A fine all round performance in the field meant Brecon managed a below par 126 all out.

The Ellis family opened the batting and skipper and pinch hitter Andy fell for only seven runs.

Tom Ellis, Jon Phillips and Steve Jones had starts but then got out, with Brecon's total now looking competitive.

Youngsters Mitchell Facey and Rhys Hatton showed promise but also went cheaply.

Richie Roberts, who was given his chance up the order, played some shots and kept Barry in the game but was eventually out for 35.

With Roberts gone, Brecon looked favourites but Richie Eastman and Jake Griffet, who has impressed this year with the bat, guided Barry to a two-wicket win and neither looked in trouble, as Eastman finished unbeaten with 13 and Griffet 22.

Richie Roberts was awarded the man of the match display for his all round display with bat and ball.

AB

Barry's rugby second team plan to build on last year's success

THE success of a first team is often defined by the strength of the second XV, and the season 2009/10 proved to be no exception.

The main achievement was the ability of the Barry RFC Second XV to fulfil fixtures in spite of the weather, cancellations and rugby international.

The number in training has also steadily increased throughout the year.

Coach Rhidian Scott and team manager Charlie Chucas continued the momentum gained by John Dimond and Jason Evans, to produce an exciting attacking side with plenty of young prospects.

Indeed, several players had made the step up into first team rugby without being exposed. Notable results include doing the league double over Pontyclun (whose First XV were Division Five champions last term), a last gasp draw against Old Illydians, and denying

Llanishen promotion by beating them in the last league game.

With the talented back division firing on all cylinders in some games, tries were a formality.

The many friendlies in the fixture list meant that fringe players were given more of a look-in, and many players were handed their debuts.

Andrew Houlday and Ken Chow, in particular, became regular fixtures in the match-day squad, while some youth squad players also took the step up, with Ciaran Thomas being particularly outstanding.

The key now is to pick up on where it has been left off to seize the momentum in the coming season.

There is no reason why the season 2010/11 cannot be even more successful.

KC

School's summer fair

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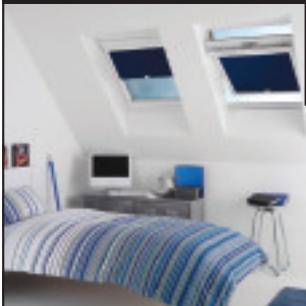
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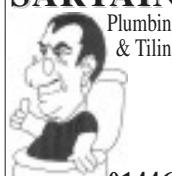
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Candidate

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These returns and declarations (including the accompanying documents) can be inspected at The Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF63 4RU during office hours within the next two years.



Acting Returning Officer

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Cadoxton ladies are pipped in the lovely hot weather

THE Thursday afternoon league match was played with Romilly at their venue.

Rink one: Cadoxton - J Watkins, N Hitchens, M Sles, B Osborne, 11; Romilly - D Liscoube, F Lalande, B Freeman, M Newman, 20.

Cadoxton started very slowly, but recovered a little by taking 3 shots on the next two ends, but Romilly came back with an excellent score of 4, putting the score to 14-7 for Romilly on end 13.

Cadoxton were able to add a little by bringing the score on end 17 to 16-11, but Romilly fin-

ished with a flourish by scoring a 4 to secure the game.

Rink two: Cadoxton - A Rees, C Bentley, N Clisset, P Currie, 8; Romilly - R Goldsmith, J Donovan, R Jones, K Bryan, 24.

The Cadoxton team could not come to terms with a tricky green, as they only scored on three ends of this 18 end match, scoring just a total of 8 shots.

Rink three: Cadoxton - P Bryant, P Cox, D Evans, J Tuck, 26; Romilly - M Werne, J Davies, N Goodrich, B Holmes, 14.

Cadoxton started extremely strongly by

winning the first 6 ends for a total of 13.

The ladies found form. Romilly rallied around on ends 9 to 11 by scoring a great 9 shots making the score 15-10, but Cadoxton recovered and won the next two ends for 4, putting them 7 up on their opponents.

Taking 7 shots on the last 3 ends Cadoxton secured the match.

Final score:
Romilly 58, Cadoxton 45.

The evening league game was played at BP on Friday evening.

Rink one: Cadoxton - J Pycroft, A Jones, T Parry, N Cox, 8; BP - L Woodcock, P Vaughan, M Greenslade, Y Lloyd, 16.

Cadoxton were slow in scoring having only taken 2 shots during the

first 9 ends.

BP dominated the

game and on end 15 the

score was 15-4 in their

favour.

In the last 5 ends they

scored 4 shots but not

enough to catch up on

this 18 end match.

Rink two: Cadoxton - P Bryant, C Hope, D Davies, L Spencer, 16; BP - J Ingram, M Matthews, C Jenkins, S Parker, 14.

Cadoxton started

slowly, but managed to

get the score level on end

12 at 8.

End 14 saw a gain of 5

shots for Cadoxton

which turned the game

around. Bagging the last

three ends for 1 shot,

Cadoxton won the game.

Final score:

Cadoxton 24, BP 30.

DHD

Golf visitors enjoy day out!

ON a beautiful sunny morning, 40 ladies from other golf clubs in the area enjoyed a nine hole stableford competition on the Button course at Cottrell Park. Many had not played the Button before and there were many comments on the attractiveness and good condition of the course.

First prize was won by Gill Cousins (Glamorgan) with 21 points, and second

was Tina Hoskins (Pyle and Kenfig) with 19 points. Tina won on the back 5 from Anne Roberts (Whitchurch).

The longest drive was won by Anne Leaver (south Herefordshire) and nearest the pin was Ann Thomas (Cardiff).

Following the competition, the ladies enjoyed coffee with cream, scones and jam. There were cakes, books and other stalls of interest to tempt them.

Lorraine Pointon Bell, ladies' captain, presented the prizes and thanked the Cottrell Park ladies for their hard work and support.

CB

Bowlers receive Wales call-up

THREE Barry Athletic bowlers are named in the Wales squad to compete in the British Isles Championships at Worthing on July 1-4.

Robert Horgan, Glyn Thomas and Chris Blake are selected to face England, Scotland and Ireland in the annual home international series.

Robert has been an

established indoor and outdoor international for many seasons, while Glyn returns to the Wales line-up having been on the verge of selection in recent years.

He will be on the same rink as Robert with Jason Greenslade, Dinas Powys, skip.

The Athletic's Chris Blake, a member of the Wales Commonwealth Games team for Delhi in October, is chosen as lead for the important date at Worthing.

Three players selected from the same club to represent their country is a tremendous honour and maintains the Barry Athletic tradition of supplying quality bowlers for top level matches.

Both Barry Athletic private greens teams raced to impressive wins last Saturday.

The first squad collected 12 points in their home fixture against Ely Valley with a 99 shots to 77 victory.

Robert Horgan's line-up came in with a 30-17 scorecard that included a six and five, while the in-form Glyn Thomas coasted to a 27-14 success.

Dean Rees snatched a late win on his rink with 11 shots in 5 ends, earning a 22-20 victory.

Barry Athletic 'A' side maintained their fine early form with a 106 shots to 47 win at Windsor Penarth to pick up 12 more points.

There were successes on three rinks - skip Bill Summerville's squad, in sparkling form, completed a splendid afternoon's bowling with a 39 shots to 8 triumph.

There were also big wins for Gareth Humphreys (26-7) and Billy Wright (28-15).

CP

Vale trainers in the winning enclosure

EVERGREEN Cowbridge trainer Bryn Palling had a 20-1 winner at Windsor on June 7.

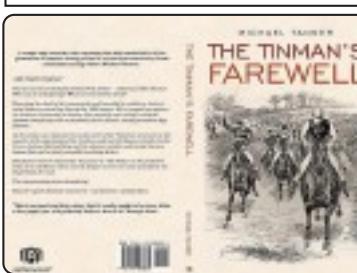
His five-year-old *Crazy Chris*, ridden by Welsh jockey David Probert, landed the Win A Holiday With Sun Int Handicap over a mile scoring by a short head from the joint favourite *Night Lily* with *Saturn Way* another short head away in third place.

On the same day at Newton Abbot, Llancafnan's Evan Williams saddled his 10th winner in two weeks when scoring with *Mac Halen* and *Five Out Of Five*.

The former, ridden by Donal Fahy, took the AtTheRacesSky 415 Handicap Hurdle and the latter, partnered by stable jockey Paul Moloney, the AtTheRaces Virgin 534 Novices Hurdle.

Mac Halen's owner Keith Lowry, said: "The last time my horse ran here, he crashed out and they put the screens up all around him - but

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Athletic youngsters' good form

BARRY Athletic Under-11s (347) beat Vale (261), by 86 runs.

Joel and Lewis hit three boundaries apiece and there were wickets for Saul, Joel, Sam and Cameron, and a great spell of bowling by Evan Wells, taking three wickets for eight runs giving him the man of the match award.

BARRY WANDERERS

Barry Wanderers (252) lost to Barry Athletic Under-11s (316), by 64 runs.

Wickets were hard to come by, highlights were wickets for Sam, Calvin and Kieran but all the bowlers maintained good line to keep the score down.

Sam Hopkins (20 not out) and Calvin Fahiya (16 not out) the first pair, managed a partnership of 54 and set the Athletic well on the way to victory.

The Wanderers managed to settle down after the first pair and James, Holly and Daffyd were the pick of the bowlers with the latter picking up a great lbw, which was well deserved. Man of the match was Calvin Fahiya.

PENTYRCH

Barry Athletic under-11s (271) beat Pentrych (253) by 18 runs in what was to be a nail biter. Battling first, Sam and Calvin got the boys off to a solid start and although the running between the wickets was risky at times, the loss of wickets did not deter the Barry the side from posting a decent total of 271. Highlights were 13 no for Kieran Ferriday and Rhys Woolmer making double figures.

There was some great ground fielding by all the players and the score was going in line with the Barry total, but there were two key moments that decided the match, a ninth over wicket maiden by Sam Hopkins and in the final over, Keiron Ferriday took a caught and bowled which put the danger man Matthew Meakin at the bowlers end. All the bowlers did well, with Sam Hopkins and Kieran the pick.

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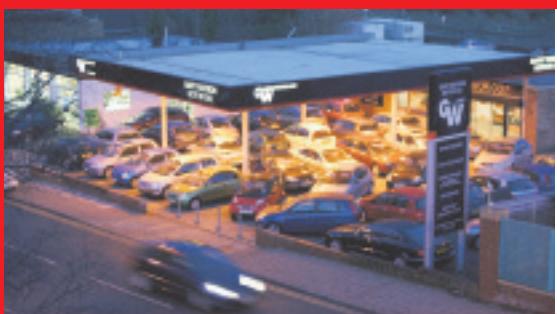
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As the dragon licks its wounds...
CAN A BATTERED WALES RECOVER IN TIME TO TURN THE BLACK TIDE?

BACK PAGE COMMENT by Don John

FOR 15 exhilarating minutes, Welsh fans glued to their TV sets early on Saturday morning viewed amazing scenes being beamed from New Zealand, as Warren Gatland's tourists, minus several key players, tore into Graham Henry's visibly taken-aback All Blacks, snatching a quick-fire six-point lead through a Stephen Jones drop goal and a long-range penalty by Leigh Halfpenny.

Just as they had done two weeks previously against South Africa at the Millennium Stadium, Wales had come roaring out of the starting blocks from the off, again intent on putting to bed once and for all, their unwelcome reputation as slow Test starters.

Once again, they were determined to dispense a deep-rooted perception that Welsh teams are psychologically in thrall to feared southern hemisphere opponents who had built up a seemingly invincible dominance stretching back an incredible 57 years, with 22 wins out of 25 meetings between the two sides.

Wales have triumphed only three times in the distant past: in 1905 it was 3-0; in 1935 it was 13-12; in 1953 13-8.

After that, it has been a long, depressing cycle of heavy defeats interspersed with the occasional tighter result, such as 19-12 last November in Cardiff.

In Wales' Grand Slam year, 2008, the score was 29-9; while in the other Grand Slam year (2005) it was 41-3 – so the omens were not good for the current depleted team's chances.

This time, though, ex-All Black hooker Gatland was insistent that his gifted, though very unpredictable young squad, still had the big guns in their arsenal to cause a major upset in the final match to be played at the famous Carisbrook fortress, before it makes way for a new stadium being built further down



ABOVE: Dan Biggar, who is set to replace the injured Stephen Jones for the second Test against New Zealand.

ABOVE: Could Jonathan Davies, get Wales into the winning spirit against the All Blacks?

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the road in Dunedin for next year's Rugby World Cup.

And so it seemed for the first quarter of an hour, as the Welsh underdogs matched their vaunted opponents man-for-man, with the scrum and the hitherto problem lineout operating smoothly, and providing plenty of possession and territory for the tourists.

In fact, this unexpected parity continued throughout the first half as the Welsh players showed commendable energy and appetite for the huge physical challenge they faced against one of the two top teams in the world.

At the interval, the strangely misfiring All Blacks were just six points ahead at 15-9, thanks to two break-out tries (with a conversion and penalty by man-of-the-match Dan Carter) that ominously stemmed from familiar Welsh handling errors.

This indeed proved to be a bleak portent of things to come, for the second half was a totally different story, as the Carter-inspired Kiwis effortlessly stepped up several gears to overrun mistake-prone Wales with 27 unanswered points, including three more tries (two sublimely-taken by that man Carter, who also

landed two conversions and two penalties).

Once again, this frustrating young Welsh team were partly the architects of their own downfall, faulty execution proving costly at critical junctures; and the lack of a totally ruthless edge was in stark contrast to far more streetwise opponents, who typically grabbed every scoring opportunity that came their way, even after a comfortable victory was assured.

At the end, the scoreboard read 42-9, but the shell-shocked Welsh camp know it could have been far worse and that they have had only a week to prepare for the even greater effort that will be required to stem the remorseless Black tide in the second Test this Saturday.

With further injuries adding to Welsh woes, Gatland has delayed naming his side until today (Thursday), though Scarlets' Jonathan Davies was expected to slot in at centre, while Ospreys' ambitious youngster Dan Biggar was hoping to take over from the injured Stephen Jones at outside half.

Is Gatland musing over further changes to his battered troops? The answer will come later today when the starting line-up is announced.

NATHAN Baker's Barry Athletic First XI entertained Machen at home, where the track was brilliantly prepared by groundsman, Ian Gadd and Glyn Williams.

With overcast conditions and an assumption of swing early on, Baker won the toss and chose to bowl first.

The match began in dominant fashion, as the left-arm/right-arm partnership of Peter Hellyar and Jake Griffett tore the top order apart, with a great demonstration of how to swing a cricket ball.

Both players claimed three wickets each – restricting the visitors to a mere 101-6 from 26 overs.

Brilliant bowling from the openers was backed up by equally as impressive performances from Chris Lane and Steve Jones, who wasted no time in dismissing the tail-enders for very few runs. This was followed by superb catching displays from Ian Gadd, Steve Jones and Anjan Ganapathy.

In addition, the fight for fielder of the season took yet another twist, with Ian Gadd joining the front-runners (Scott Malpas, Steve Jones and Andrew Buckland).

Only Grant Hinds provided some resistance (30) with the bat. The visitors were dismissed within 39 overs, for a less than satisfactory 129.

After the tea session, the Stags prepared their batting line-up for the chase. Opening batsmen, Lee Morgan and Nathan Baker, wasted no time in smashing the ball to all areas of the ground. Boundaries were here, there and everywhere. The only slip came when Baker was caught going for one big shot too many, for 42.

Number 3 Scott Malpas joined in the fun as he knocked a quick-fire 14 not out, helping the Stags reach the target with ease – in just 22.3 overs. Morgan kept the Stags going with another useful knock of 57 not out, bringing him closer to the front-runners (Nathan Baker and Ian Gadd) for batsman of the year.

Barry claimed another 20 points and climbed back to the top of Division Three, after the Vale only managed to claim 19 points against Upper Rhondda.

The Seconds are short handed

Damon Leake was left searching for grey hairs, after only being able to field nine players for the third match in the season, and with a trip to title hopefuls, Malpas, things were going to be difficult.

The sun was glorious and the pitch looked good for batting, giving Leake no hesitation in winning the toss and choosing to bat first.

The Stags were stop-start throughout the innings, despite getting a dominant start from Ashley Baker and Damon Leake.

Alf Woodcock's rink of W Hewitt, A Burge and B Cheal had a good game and were never in trouble due to their regular scoring and a strong finish and lost the rink 14 shots to 17 Romilly win.

Dave Wright's rink of R Cowling, C Green and G Rees won their rink and were never in trouble. They were 11-6 up after 10 ends and finished strongly for a 21 shots to 12 win.

Alan Bryan's rink of C Collins, G Eastman and M Gershenson were the top bananas on the day and played a fantastic game.

They led from start to finish, scoring five 4s on the way to overwhelming their opponents.

Skip Bryan was full of praise for his players and

'defendable' 166 all out.

After the interval, the Stags faced the daunting task of defending their total against one of the most prolific batting line-ups in the division. The Stags got a good start, dismissing opening batsman, Peter Mason, for just 9 runs – thanks to some good swing-bowling from Dafydd Frost and some good glove work by Peter Davies.

However, the bowling lacked cutting edge and the home side reached their target with 18 overs to spare.

The Stags are left hanging just outside the relegation zone and were relieved after hearing the news that Ponthir had won a match for the first time in 20 matches – beating Rogerstone by seven wickets.

Depleted thirds are crushed

Any hopes of Barry Third XI winning the Sunday Third XI title look to have gone for another year, after suffering a shock defeat to Ponthir.

The Stags got off to a really good start, with Jake Griffett taking two early wickets and Andy Ellis taking one wicket, restricting the home side to just 30-3. The fielding displays were impressive, even the director of cricket, Peter Phillips, was happy with the performances.

However, after this, things went from bad to worse as a massive partnership of 126 runs, between Edward Clement and Jarrod Black, brought the match in Ponthir's favour. Only the superb bowling of Jake Griffett gave the Stags something to brag about, as Ponthir closed on 257-7 from their 40 overs.

The Stags failed to get going with the bat. Wickets tumbled at regular intervals and with the likes of Andy Ellis, Jonathan Phillips and Jake Griffett failing to show their explosive batting talents, the Stags were really struggling.

Only Baker (20) and Peter Phillips (11) managed to provide some resistance with the bat as the Stags were bowled out for an embarrassing 96 from 29 overs.

(See page 27 for more Barry Athletic cricket)